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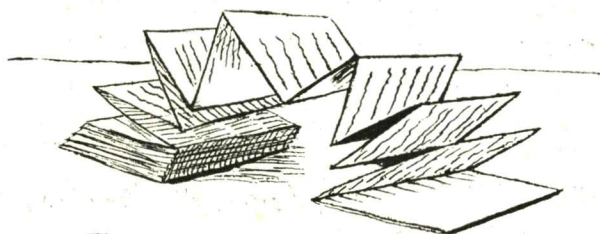
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To Interest All in Our Affairs

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WOMAN: PAST AND PRESENT

The Book of Genesis contains two accounts of the creation of the human race. According to the first conception, the two, the man and the woman, are created as one, and are together crowned as King and Queen of the world in which they live; according to the second conception, man is the King and woman is created to be his helper and his companion. Outside of Judaism and Christianity the prevalent conception of woman has been the priestly one—the conception that she was made not as the equal in divine life with the man, not as co-regnant in the world with him, but as a kind of upper servant to him to minister either to his necessities or to his pleasures. This was the conception underlying life in the Orient; this is the conception which today underlies life in all barbaric tribes in Africa, Australia, America, in all Mohammedan countries, and in the civilizations of China and India, though in minor respects modified either by saving inconsistencies in the people or by contact with Christian civilization.

Nor is it too much to say that this conception of woman's inferiority to man and subjection to his service entered into Christian civilization and did much to determine domestic conditions. What may be called the woman movement of the last century is vitally a movement away from the view which regards woman as created for the man, not the man for the woman, to the view which holds that both were created for themselves, and for God, and that each was created for the other; that view which finds its earliest prophetic utterance in the first Chapter of Genesis, "So God created man in his own image in the image of God created He him; male and female created He him;" and and in later times, finds no nobler interpretation than it has received in these oft-quoted words of Tennyson.

"For woman is not undeveloped man,

But diverse: could we make her as the man,

Sweet Love were slain; his dearest bond is this;
 Not like to like, but like in difference;
 Yet in the long years like must they grow;
 The man be more of woman, she of man;
 He gain in sweetness and in moral height;
 Nor lose the wrestling thews that throw the world;
 She mental breadth, nor fail in childward care;
 Nor lose the childlike in the larger mind;
 Till at the last she set herself to man,
 Like perfect music unto noble words;
 And so these twain, upon the skirts of time;
 Sit side by side, full summ'd in all their powers,
 Dispensing harvest, sowing the To-be,
 Self-reverent each and reverencing each,
 Distinct in individualities,
 But like each other ev'n as those who love."

In few respects has mankind made a greater advance than in position of woman—legal, social and educational. From the darkness of ignorance and servitude woman has passed into the open light of equal freedom. The happiness and progress of society are regarded as depending not more upon the ability of its sons to direct the wheels of prosperous enterprise than upon the intelligence of its daughters to safeguard the very sources of social and household life. By slow but sure and permanent advances has come the recognition of the right of woman to her own development—the right of individuals to know, to learn, to perfect themselves to the utmost of their ability, irrespective of sex.

As we study the position of women thro' the course of history, beginning with patriarchal day and proceeding with the women of Greece and Rome to the advent of Christianity, we shall see how in primitive organizations it was always woman's industrial value that governed her position, and made her the chattel first of her father, then of her husband; and how as civilization progressed and woman became less of an asset in the production of wealth and more of a power as co-partner and co-inheritor, her position changed from one of dependence to one of importance and ended in one of almost perfect equality with man.

The dominant characteristics the Hebrew women seem to

have possessed from Sarah to Iezebel, Esther and Mary Magdalen, were loyalty and intelligence, and it is thro' these more than any other qualities that they gained their ascendancy. Hebrew women held their own as prophets, lawgivers, soldiers and judges without in any degree impairing the foremost and most distinctive quality in womanhood. They had as a body achieved the respect and admiration of men, so that the laws concerning their position and rights were not of a harsh character. Their influence had become wide, their capacity noteworthy, and their industrious, religious, moral and home life altogether worthy of emulation.

In Greece, we find that the sphere and duties of women were as varied as the various forms of government. In Sparta to be strong mothers of healthy children was ever before them. The Spartan mother was highly respected and was noted for her chastity and nobility of character. She entered fully into the Spartan idea and cheerfully gave her sons to her country. The lofty and sacrificing patriotism of the Spartan mother is illustrated by her words upon sending her son to battle, "Return either with your shield or on it."

That women can combine to a given end and succeed magnificently is forever exemplified by the race of strong courageous men Spartan women produced, for no less than five hundred years, a race whose prowess beauty and physical endurance have never yet been equalled. It shows the necessity of keeping woman's position and influence at its highest in order to produce the corresponding ratio in man.

In Athens, men hardly knew their wives, who lived in seclusion, and their duties and education were strictly domestic. It would seem that the subjection of woman to harsh and unnatural isolation did not produce either fine or lovable men and that it had the effect of disrupting the elements that compose a contented home. Their natural gifts were in no matter encouraged for the fact that not a single citizen woman attained distinction in art, literature or science.

The purity of Roman womanhood was as highly cherished and respected as that of Athens. Their position was also very similar in the early part of history. Woman was however still regarded as a minor by her male relatives. As time went on the Roman matron won a position of dignity and importance,

the chief cause of this change being the gradual change in the marriage custom. At the beginning, a woman was bought from her father by her husband but as Rome grew into a great and rich city, families became rich, women no longer represented means of production, and a class of powerful women sprang into being. Julia, the daughter of Julius Caesar, Comelia, Pompey's second wife, Octavia, wife of Antony, are all examples of noble, virtuous and intelligent women, whose records show that they not only managed their own affairs wisely but were well versed in affairs of public import as well.

Every age of history has had its exceptional women, who have gleamed like meteors in an ebon sky. Catherine II of Russia made a comparatively uncivilized country the Mecca of scholars and artists during her reign. She was fitly called the "Star of the North." Louise Le Brun became the painter and friend of sovereigns, overcoming obstacles that would have disheartened most people. As a mother, a wife and sovereign, Queen Victoria was an illustrious example. Catherine Booth, the mother of the Salvation Army, became the eloquent advocate of a wonderful movement. Julia Ward Howe and Helen Gould show how women of wealth and social position may give their lives to real work. No one woman has done more for the poor of our cities or is more worthy of praise than Jane Addams, founder of Hull House. Clara Barton, the founder of the Red Cross Society in America, and Frances E. Willard, the leader in the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, are recent examples of superior womanhood.

Women of today, however, are taking part in many public matters in which a generation ago they were not in the least interested. They are making themselves heard in municipal affairs with no uncertain voice. Women are becoming lawyers, doctors, ministers, in fact anything that a man can be. Dr. Abbott says "That women have quite as eager an appetite for education as men can no longer be questioned; as little is it possible to question that the feminine intellectual digestion is quite as good as the masculine."

The modern movement for the emancipation of woman and the enlargement of her life is not to be measured by the incidental errors and evils which have accompanied it. The real results of this modern woman's movement will have enduring

effects; in better wages to self-supporting women, in enlarged opportunities for productive industry; in independence for unmarried women; in a resultant release from the odious compulsion which drove women into marriage as the only means of livelihood in woman's broader horizon, larger life and more richly endowed character; in the ampler service she can render to society, to her country, to the world, and in her better equipment for the highest service of all that which is inherent in motherhood.

Women's clubs and organizations of today are doing most excellent work, their supreme object being to improve social and industrial conditions, their motto being the Golden Rule. We are all of us, conscious of a certain lifting up of the heart when we see what women of today and yesterday achieved and what their influence has accomplished. Perhaps the highest test of civilization is shown in the position of women. Measured by this test some nations have made but little progress but as a whole there has been a slow and steady improvement.

But tho' the mills of the gods grind slowly there is hope in the fact that they do grind. The emancipation of woman progresses as an incoming tide, it advances and recedes, but every advance is a little farther and every recession not quite so far. The net result is a steady gain.

And so we see that the woman of the present is not only a supreme power in the silent of the home, but she has come to a degree of knowledge and breadth of intellect, to an influence and grandeur, an authority, an eminence, such as women of the past struggled in vain to obtain. In her progress to this proud eminence woman has triumphed and withstood, in all her softer features, that destructive influence of wealth and luxury which corrupted the Roman matron, losing none of her charms and retaining all of her virtues. A deep and religious reverence for woman is infused into the whole system of our institutions and manners.

Today we see that nature secures the title of power woman is entitled to and with us the words of Ruskin are more fully realized, "She wields the power of the scepter and shield, the power of the royal hand that heals in touching, the throne that is founded on the rock of justice and descended from only by the steps of mercy; Rex et Regina, Roi et Reine-queen to your lover, queen to your husband and children, queen you must always be."

Edith Eugena Moffett, '12.

THE SCOUT

The students had not been back very long until some of them began to inquire what had become of the Scout. "I don't know where he is, but I do know you can bank on his being wherever he can see and hear students best," declared a Senior who happened to overhear one of those inquiries.

The Senior was right. Aren't Seniors usually right—according to their own estimation of themselves, especially at the beginning of the fall term? There is a tradition in this school, however, that by the time they get through a course in Psychology under Mr. Miller, they are not quite so "cocksure" of their own importance in the scheme of the universe. But, "to go back to our sheep," the Scout is booked to carry on business at the same old stand, and in the same old way, as the minister makes you say in the marriage vow, for better, for worse.

While the scout is inspired always by the best of motives, like all other human and inhuman creatures, he is liable to sins of both omission and commission. While he has never been a respecter of persons when it came to criticising anything which he conscientiously opposed, though he has hoped always to escape the name of "knocker"; on the other hand, he has tried earnestly to avoid fatuous praise of the merely popular. If the Scout has ever praised anything you did, you may be sure he thought he deserved it. If he has dared express disapproval of you or anything you hold dear, it was because he felt that it ought to be done. This same principle will be the guiding star this year. If the readers of the Picket are not in favor of his platform, he is ready to accept an honorable discharge and retire to the position of attending strictly to his own business.

For fear that you will take him at his word, he rushes in to say how overjoyed he is at the encouraging increase in our enrollment. Never in the history of the school has the enrollment been so large during the fall term as it is at present.

Perhaps the Scout has a weakness for beauty—since he never possessed any himself—but it seems to him that we have the best looking set of students that we have ever had. But did you ever see so many "wee ones"? Miss Turner asked Mr. Miller to make a requisition to the Board for high-chairs for

some of the Freshman. It must be true that "precious goods is put in small parcels," for these same small people bid fair to surpass some of our gaints in stature. But in spite of the Scout's pleasure in the new students, Rory caught him behind the door in Mr. Miller's class room the other day weeping big wet tears over the class of '12 that he misses so greatly. "If I could just hear them 'scrap one little scrap'!" he wailed.

Talking about wailing, did you happen to hear any of the wails that went up when the faculty put the ban on secret societies for anyone connected with the school? The Scout overheard all kinds of complaints. One group talked of a petition to the Principal for redress of grievances, but the Scout shook his head and whispered that past experiences ought to have taught them that all such decrees were made through real kindness and are never repealed till they become unnecessary. One girl said that he might at least have spared the poor, harmless "Lucky 13". A classmate reminded her that the class has one 13 too many as it is, and the members are sure to suffer some dire calamity for daring attempt graduation in '13.

Not long ago the Scout had occasion to make a short trip over the B. & O. From Martinsburg to the Junction there were several young persons who had previously been students at S. C. They discussed S. C. post, present and future, conversing so noisily and laughing boisterously that they attracted the attention of every one in the car. The Scout was not at all surprised to hear a modest, refined young woman say to the man who accompanied her, "If that is the class of students they have at Shepherd College, I shall go back home tomorrow."

But the girl is still here and is delighted with the school.

Though it is unwise to pass a hasty judgment, and unfair to judge a whole student body by a few thoughtless or careless students, still your sage old Scout advises his student friends to so deport themselves that outsiders cannot be led to form an unfavorable opinion of the school through this conduct.

As the Scout was wandering through the buildings the other day, he came upon the cadet corps at drill time in the Armory. Now the Scout hesitates to criticise the corps as there are raw recruits to be put in order and they have not yet had time to accomplish much, but he was very, very sorry to smell tobacco smoke in the Armory and to smell—brimstone he was going to

say. Certain it is that some of the language he over heard was decidedly sulphuric. Furthermore the drill lacked that crisp, clean-cut precision that forms an important element of the Scout's ideal cadet. The Scout believes in the corps, and is a true friend to it, but he thinks it should be made to do the things for which it was intended—make our boys strong, manly, decisive and patriotic.

It may seem that the boys are being pushed into the lime light too decidedly in this issue, but the Scout cannot refrain from mentioning one fault they have. Not a small proportion of our boys are the personation of rudeness in the halls and on the stairways. Just the other day the Scout mustered up courage to venture down the boy's stairway. A drove of pigs or cattle, at meal time, could not have pushed and jostled each other more rudely than did some of these boys who come from homes of culture and refinement. Why some boys think that being rude and boisterous makes them attractive is beyond the Scout's humble ken.

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The management of The Picket wishes to call the attention of the students to the merchants and trades-people who have advertised in this publication. These advertisers should be patronized by the students on every occasion which presents itself to them. It is through the advertisers that we support our publication largely, and we wish to return to them the patronage of the students.

Several instances have come under our observation where certain merchants and trades-people have not been willing to advertise in our publication. To these persons we can offer our sympathy. We are very sorry they have not appreciated the trade of the students. So we urge the readers of The Picket whether in town or neighboring towns to patronize those who appreciate your business.



THIS issue of The Picket is the work of a new staff. We have not accepted the position without a consideration of the responsibility placed upon us. Nevertheless, we shall try to show

our appreciation of the honor by doing the best we can. No doubt we shall make mistakes, but we are ready to accept helpful criticism. We solicit your sympathy, contributions and support. Owing to lack of space, we may not be able to publish every article, but we promise to give everything careful consideration. It is our aim to make this little publication truly representative of the school. We cannot hope that all the material used will interest every one, but we do hope that every issue may be worth perusing.



At the beginning of this term some new rules and regulations were formulated by the faculty. These rules may seem a little rigid to a few of our students, but the majority are receiving them gladly and are standing loyally by the faculty, believing that all is done with due deliberation, and that the teachers have the best interests of the students at heart.



We have the same faculty this year as last, with the exception of Mr. Kenamond, who takes Mr. Randal's place as instructor in Physics and Mathematics. While we regret to lose Mr. Randal we congratulate him on receiving a better proposition. Mr. Randal is a remarkable man for his age. During the year spent in Shepherd College, he made himself very popular among the other teachers and the student body as well. All thoroughly appreciate his good work, and bespeak for him abundant success in his new field.

Mr. Kenamond is also a young man who is a graduate of the West Virginia University, and for some years a teacher in the West Liberty State Normal School. He is taking hold of the work as one who knows his trade. He has surpassed Mr. Randal in one particular—he has a wife.



We miss the class of '12 in every phase of the school work, but more especially, perhaps, in the societies. Many of them were loyal and true to their respective societies—ever laboring with the thought in mind that they might do something to add to the literary attainments of the school. But they are gone forth to put forth their energies in other fields. Somebody must take their places. To the new students we would say that the various organi-

zations of the School stand ready to welcome into their ranks those who are willing to work. These organizations will be of much greater value to you than you may now think. And you can be a great help to the societies. An education doesn't consist entirely in knowing text books. Do not fail to do that which helps you, and at the same time helps the school and your fellow students.



Miss Waddell, teacher of English, spent part of her vacation at Columbia University. Mrs. Gardiner, teacher of History, spent part of her vacation at the West Virginia University. Miss Smith, teacher of Ancient Languages, taught in the summer school here. The other teachers who were engaged in school work are mentioned in another column.



EDUCATIONAL NOTES

By Nellie Greider L. C. Chorpenning

It has been announced by Postmaster General Hitchcock that the Postoffice Department would be in readiness on January 1, 1913, to put into general operation the recently authorized parcel post system.

L. C. Lord, president of the State Normal School at Charleston, Illinois, has received several honors lately. Perhaps the greatest honor was the bestowing of an honorary degree last June by Harvard University. This was the first honorary degree Harvard has ever given a State Normal School president.

Lexington, Kentucky, was the first city in America to introduce the Montessori method into the primary grades. Two first grades used it last year. Others started in with it this fall.

Woman suffrage fares better in the Rocky Mountains and beyond than it does east.

Chicago schools had 745 more boys than girls enrolled the opening day of the year.

Indiana heads all America in the sanitation of school houses.

"The farmer feeds us all". This truth should be taught to every school boy in our land.

College hazing has another death among its debits. It is a great thing that there is such a strong feeling throughout the world against this brutal practice.

Education is always an investment and never an expense.

Mr. J. M. Chapman of the Mt. Hope High School has been elected principal at Masontown, Preston County.

The students of a Chicago Technical High School earned \$32,000 during vacation, according to a report received by the principal of that school.

Professor Herschel Parker in describing his failure to reach Mt. McKinley recently, says that the summit is a "dome of ice," surrounded by smaller icy peaks of the same shape.

W. P. Edmonds, M. D. of Michigan, has been appointed instructor in physical training and director of the gymnasium at the University.

At the Men's Association of West Baltimore Methodist Church, Professor William Heaps delivered an address on Immigration, Tuesday, October 8th.

In Baltimore \$2,000,000 were spent on school buildings during the past summer.

A new diamond field was discovered in the Belgian Congo district in Africa. Six hundred fine gems have been found.

Reuben Post Halleck, for twenty-nine years teacher and principal in the Louisville, Kentucky Male High School, has resigned.

Uncle Sam's cash box had \$150,000,000 of gold reserved and \$166,263,807.88 in currency at the end of last June.

West Virginia has twenty six counties that have District Supervision, wholly or in part.

All the teachers seem pleased with the uniform text books; but some say we can't properly grade our schools until we have free text books.

Medical and Dental Inspection should be a part of the free school system in every school in our country. The teacher cannot expect good work from pupils who are suffering some bodily pain.

The first German school to have a moving-picture machine as a regular part of its equipment is in Thuringia. The apparatus will be used mainly in geography and nature study.

England has 20,757 elementary public schools with 5,500,000 pupils. The 1912 budget for education is \$72,000,000 of which \$1,000,000 is for teachers' old age pensions.

ALUMNI NOTES

Walter M. Duke

Samuel E. Osbourn, '94, of Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Md. and Miss Mary Day Poosr, of Waterton, Mass., were married June eighteenth, and spent the summer in England and Scotland.

Evard L. Magruder, '10, was one of the graduates in the law course of Valparaiso University last June.

Boyd Randal, '05, has accepted a position as principal of the high school at Harpers Ferry, at a much higher salary than he received at Shepherd College where he was a very popular and successful instructor last year. Among his able assistants are the following graduates of Shepherd College: Miss Lula Winters, Class '12, Miss Margaret Shugart, Class '11, Miss Agnes Reinhart '10, and Miss Rose Cockrell, Class '74.

Lillian Stump, '11, is teaching in the public school at Charles Town.

Mrs. Ida H. Neill, Class '75, who has been spending the past winter at Laurel, Md., has returned to her home much improved in health.

Assistant Paymaster, W. Gilmore Neill, Class '99, who returned recently from the Philippines, paid a visit to his old home last week. Mr. Neill is now stationed at Indian Head the government proving grounds, below Washington.

Charles Unseld, Class '08, is Principal of Schools at Maugansville, Md.

We are glad to learn of the success of the members of last year's Senior Class most of whom are teachers with fair salaries. Good reports come to us from the following:

Helen Babb, Principal at Maysville, Grant County.

Rose O. Burns, teacher, District School near Charles Town.

Naomi Garrett, teacher, District School Bedington, Berkeley County.

Julia Maddex, teacher, District School, Bunker Hill, Berkeley

County.

Florence McQuilkin, teacher, Shepherd Grade School, near Shepherdstown.

Maggie and Jane S. Riner, teachers, Primary Dep't., Hedgesville Graded and High School, Berkeley County.

Nora M. Stuckey, teacher, Oak Grove School, near Shepherdstown.

Ruth Taylor, teacher, District School, Kearneysville.

Kathryn Tissue, teacher, Graded School, Elkins, Randolph County.

Frank Yates, teacher near Charles Town.

Guy R. Avey, Principal Graded School, Great Cacapon, Morgan County.

Guy Crigler, Principal Graded School, Petersburg, Grant County.

H. S. Criswell, Graded School, Webster, near Grafton.

Don C. Dolly, Principal Graded School, Horton, Randolph County.

Charles G. Gain, Principal High School, Berkeley Springs, Morgan County.

R. M. Golladay, Ass't Principal Graded School, Paw Paw, Morgan County.

Nestor Carl Hardin, teacher, Moatsville, Barbour County.

John C. Hupp, District Superintendent, Burton, Marshall County.

Leo M. Miller, teacher, Sharpsburg, Md.

O. W. Snarr, Principal Graded School, Romney, Hampshire County.

M. Leo Smith, Principal Graded School, Moler's Cross Roads.

Samuel G. Williamson, teacher, District School, near Greensburg, Berkeley County.

A number of our graduates are pursuing higher work in colleges and universities of their choice. Among these are the following:

Paul Thomas, Class '12, Cornell University.

Wilson Sperow, Class '10, Dickinson College.

Clyde Williams, Class '10, Dickinson College.

Taylor Bragonier, Class '08, Lehigh University.

H. M. Harr, Class '11, West Virginia University.

Walter Vance, Class '11, West Virginia University.
Robert Gardiner, Class '11, University of Maryland.
O. D. Lambert, Class '11, West Virginia University.
L. S. McDaniel, Class '11, West Virginia University.
D. Rollin Dodd, Class '10, West Virginia University.
Charles N. Harper, Class '11, University of Virginia.
W. V. McNemar, Class '10, West Virginia University.
Maurice R. Dodd, Class '10, West Virginia University.
Harry I. Stuckey, Class '10, West Virginia University.
Horace Banks, Class '09, Washington & Lee University.
Carrol Billmyer, Class '10, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
Edmond D. McGarry, Class '11, West Virginia University.
William Kearfott, Class '11, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
Miss Kathryn Beltzhoover, Class '11, West Virginia University.

Those of our Alumni who have seen active military service on Paint and Cabin Creeks this year within the region placed under Marshall Law by Governor Glasscock were the following; William Himes, Class '11, Wilbur Cunningham Class '11, D. R. Dodd Class '12, L. S. McDaniel, Class '11.

Miss Mary Armstrong, Class '12, has been meeting with great success in representing a prominent publishing house.

Mr. Eugene Barnhart, Class '02, and his brother Mr. Henry Barnhart, Class '05 returned to their home recently to attend the funeral of their Aunt Mrs. H. M. Loyns.

Professor Enoch Howard Vickers, '84, and his family of Morgantown spent a part of the summer with their relatives in this county

George Whiting, '05 who has been instructor in English at the Keyser Preparatory School, is now taking graduate work at Harvard University.

Nellie Spedden, '11, and Edgar Knott '11 are teaching near Shepherdstown.

Lenora Marten, '07, has accepted a position in the Shepherdstown Graded School,

Mary Pendleton, '05 and W. D. Himes, '10, are teaching again at Bluefield.

Goldie Rowe, '12, and Harry Tennant of Shepherdstown were married June twenty-second.

some of our best members but are glad to say that we have filled their places with a number of promising new ones.

At the closing meeting of last year the following officers were elected.

President—A. S. DeHaven.

Vice President—Luther Flynn.

Secretary—Edna Buntin.

Treasurer—C. R. Gates.

Critic—O. L. Snyder.

Reporter—Rella Harper.

Sergeant—Roy Parsons.

We are always on the lookout for new students and we feel that we have secured some excellent new members whose names are as follows:

E. P. Early, Guy P. Thompson, Lillian Melester, Jesse Kesecker, Minnie Swayne, Albert Ewers, Clayton Myers, Ethel Vearcy, David Folk, Vernon Dyer, Marguerite Billmyer, Henry Clapham and Franklin Clapham.

As members of the P. L. S. we must realize that the success of our organization depends not upon the officers alone but upon each member as well.

We extend a most cordial welcome to visitors and especially to those who wish to become members of some literary society.

CADET CORPS

By H. M. Rolling and H. T. Phillips

The Cadet Corps is making a fine showing for the fall term. The enrollment has now reached forty. The Corps will probably reach the fifty mark within the next few days.

The Adjutant-General of the State has said that if fifty cadets could be mustered and if proper spirit were shown that the state would provide winter uniforms for the company. If this be done there is no doubt the corps will reach a higher standard than ever before.

Captain Porterfield is doing his best to make the work a success but without the help and co-operation of the whole school the highest state of efficiency cannot be reached. The recruits as a rule are apt and do their work in a painstaking way which is very encouraging to all who are interested in the welfare of the organi-

zation. With each one doing his part, that is, taking interest in his work, reporting for drill promptly each time and doing his work in a military decisive way there is no doubt but what the corps of 1912-13 will be looked back upon as a model in years to come.

We advise all boys to join as three-quarters of an hour spent in exercise twice a week will do great good and will if it should become necessary, prepare a man to serve his country in a military way.

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L'EXTEMPO NOTES

By E. W. Dolly

The first meeting of the L'extempo for the fall term was called by President G. C. Bartlett.

The following officers were elected for the term:

President—Luther Flynn.

Vice President—L. Slonaker.

Secretary—E. G. Lewis.

Treasurer—Arnold Mish.

Sergeant—H. W. Rollings.

Critic—A. S. DeHaven.

Reporter—E. W. Dolly.

It is a source of great pleasure to see the former members of our society back at their places performing their duties as loyal members can.

To be in a meeting of the L'extempo now is to be among a body of cultured young men, who make the best of everything and who are endeavoring not only to help themselves but to help others.

Our ranks have been increased by the following new members: Albert Ewers, E. E. Hobbs, J. B. Dicken, C. W. Palhamus, J. L. Kesecker, W. E. Herr and Guy P. Thompson.

We extend the same cordial invitation to others.

We feel sure that these now members will be perfectly satisfied with us and receive much good from the society.

Christian Associations

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

By Mabel Hill

Owing to the number of offices left vacant by our members not returning, we called a business meeting September the twenty-sixth, and elected the following officers:

President—Sarah Folk.

Vice President—Ruth Licklider.

Secretary—Nellie Miller.

Treasurer—Emily Sampsell.

Reporter—Mabel Hill.

Our second meeting which was held September thirtieth was led by Miss Sarah Folk, and was well attended.

On the seventh of October the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. had a joint meeting which was conducted by Rev. Dr. Ghiselin, who gave us a very instructive and profitable talk.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

By F. B. Mathias

The outlook for a prosperous year of work is good. Every

member is showing a willingness and earnestness to take part in the work that will mean much for the benefit of the association.

Only a few meetings so far have been held and these were devoted chiefly to organization work and outlining the work for the year.

On October 7th, a joint meeting of both Christian associations the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Parthenian hall, Rev. Ghiselin was present and gave us an excellent talk. We hope to have him with us again as his talks and encouragement is very helpful.

We welcome any students who wish to meet with us and take part in the work, and help build up the association.

At the first meeting held September 13th, Welton Hutton, O. L. Snyder and E. E. Hobbs were appointed a committee, on receiving new students. They did much in helping new students to get located and find boarding and rooming places.

A committee composed of Luther Flynn, F. B. Mathias and G. C. Bartlett was appointed to prepare programs for the work.

CLASS NOTES

SENIOR NOTES

By Lula Early, '13

Here we are, back at dear old Shepherd College, no longer Juniors, but dignified Seniors. Each of us realize that this is our last year, and with the help of all, we can make the 1913 class the banner class of old S. C. "Let us then be up and doing," that we may ever continue to reflect honor upon our Alma Mater.

We have our first class meeting September 16th, and elected the following officers:

President—O. L. Snyder.

Vice-President—C. R. Gates.

Secretary—Evelyn Billmyer.

Treasury—K. T. Rexrode.

Reporter—Lula A. Early.

Our member this term is thirty-five, some of the old members did not return. However we have four new members to fill their places. We are glad to welcome these new members to the 1913 Class.

List Ye, List Ye
 We are the Seniors of old S. C.
 Are we in it?
 Well, I should smile,
 We've been in it all the while
 S-E-N-I-O-R-S
 That's the way to spell it,
 Here's the way to yell it,
 Seniors, Seniors, Seniors,

May be heard after each meeting, led by our yell master Howard T. Phillips.

"Here's to the Seniors."

JUNIOR NOTES

By G. O. Nelson

We are all glad to be back at good old Shepherd College, but mingled with the joy of greeting is a tinge of sadness; we are not all here. While this is true we wish our absentees most bountiful success where ever they may be, and extend a most cordial greeting to the following new members: Messrs. Vernon L. Dyer, Guy P. Thompson, Ellsworth Early, Miller Moler and Roy Parsons. Misses Helen E. Hunter, Dorothy Ware, Beatrice Rogers, Florence Hartley, Bertha Baker and Mary Williamson and Tae Bishop.

Our class is not so large as some have been heretofore, there being only twenty-three. Although we are small we congratulate ourselves upon being mighty,



By Mary Williamson, J. B. Dicken, Marion Billmyer, Arthur Ruark

Miss Triplett (in Geometry) "Mr. Kenamond, how would

you prove a crooked line straight'?"

Misses Rella and Nola Harper were called to their home for a few days, but have now returned to their work.

Prof. M. (in Psychology) "What digs around after ground moles?"

Mr. M.—"Skunks."

Prof. M.—"No, coons."

Don't forget to hand the editor any joke that you may hear.

Prof. M. (in Psychology) "Miss Miller did you ever go fishing?"

Miss M. "Yes, Sir."

Prof. M. "Well did you catch any trout?"

Miss M. "No, Sir, they won't bite my bait."

Miss Waddell, "I would go to Church Sunday if I had a new suit."

Mr. Hobbs, "You should go to church with the thought, take me as I am."

Miss Waddell, "No one has ever taken me yet."

B. W. "Mr. H. when are you going to have a party?"

Mr. H. "Why?"

B. W. "So you can invite your trousers down to meet your shoes."

H. "Oh! I'll have those whenever this old belt wears out."

Prof. M. (speaking of the empty places in Heaven) "Do you think there will be room for us there, Mr. J. B. D.?"

Mr. J. B. D. "Yes, but I doubt if we will all get there."

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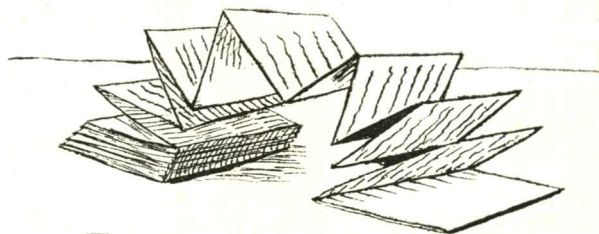
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BENNIE DICK AND THE MOON-MAN

By Eugenia Larnet, '15

Once there lived way down in Georgia on a big plantation, a very, very little colored boy named Bennie Dick. His mammy's name was Aunt Polly and his pappy's name was Uncle Moses, at least that was what they were called on the plantation. Bennie Dick was six years old. He was rather small, and very, very black

Now, Bennie Dick was very fond of making kites and flying them when there was a good wind. Aunt Polly thought they were just a "waste o' good-time," and after Bennie Dick had made several dozen and had used up all her nice kindling wood, to make his kites, she took them all away from him—all his nice pretty kites—to kindle her fire with one morning.

She said to him as she put them away, "now, Bennie Dick, don' you neber make no mo' o' dem kites. Do yo' hear me?"

Bennie Dick answered, "yassm," very meekly and went out on the porch.

A couple of days later, Aunt Polly went to a church "meetin'" in the afternoon and Bennie Dick was left all alone. He did wish for his kites so much, and he was so lonely. By and by he got so lonely that he went out to the woodhouse and there he saw some nice, new kindlin' wood, that would make him some awful good kite sticks. After he had looked at the wood a little while, he flew into the house, grabbed up all of Aunt Polly's papers and made a kite—a great big kite. This kite was so large when it was finished that he could hardly get it out of the shed.

Finally, he succeeded and dragged it out to an open space and tossed it up. A stiff wind was blowing and it took that kite away up in the air. It went so high and it went so fast that Bennie Dick forgot to tie the kite rope to a tree, as he usually did. Up, up, up went the kite, and up, up, up went poor, little, black Bennie

Dick. He was so scared that he didn't know what to do. He was afraid to let go and he was almost as much afraid to look up, so he shut his little, black eyes just as tight as he could and held on with both hands and feet.

The kite went on and on. It got so far up that when Bennie Dick did open his eyes, he couldn't see his own home away down on the plantation. Still the kite went up and up, and Bennie Dick held on to the kite rope tighter and tighter. He kept his eyes shut now, because he was so far up that he couldn't see anything below him but clouds.

After a while Bennie Dick got sleepy, and went sound to sleep. Still that kite went on and on. Just how long Bennie Dick slept, I do not know, but when he woke up he found himself lying on a huge rock. Bennie Dick rubbed his eyes and looked around him. For the life of him, he couldn't remember where he was. He happened to see his kite and then he remembered how he had been carried off.

He got up and started to walk around to try to find some one who could take him home. He was afraid to try his kite again, 'cause he wasn't sure whether it would take him right home to mammy and pappy or not. So he walked and walked, and walked. He didn't see a sign of a living person, but still he walked. He began to feel awfully hungry in his little stomach, and he walked and walked, and still he couldn't see anybody, or anything to eat. It began to get dusk, and Bennie Dick had walked a mighty long way, but still he hadn't found a blessed thing or person.

Just as he was about to sit down and have a good cry about everything in general, he happened to glance at a huge rock to one side of him, that looked just like a great, big door.

"Oh," said Bennie Dick, "maybe dere'll be somebody dere dat kin carry me home to mammy and pappy."

He jumped up, and, running to the rock, knocked hard. Slowly the great rock opened, disclosing a large cave, in the middle of which sat a little, old man.

He was the queerest little, old man that you would ever hope to see. He had long, snow-white hair and a long beard that trailed on the floor of the cave. His eyes were very, very small, but they just sparkled with mischief and good humor. He wore green tights and a bright red waistcoat with a little cap to match. He smiled when he saw little, black Bennie Dick and asked, "Won't

you come in, little black man?" My how Bennie Dick did stare. Then all at once, he burst out crying, just as hard as he could possibly cry.

When Bennie Dick had cried out all his tears, he felt very much ashamed of himself, and he looked at the little old man, and asked, "Please, sar, mister man, where is I, anyway?"

At this the old man laughed and laughed, and finally, Bennie Dick laughed with him. He wasn't scared any longer. How could anyone be scared when the little, old man laughed so merrily. After the laugh was over, the little, old man wiped his eyes with a bright yellow handkerchief, and answered:

"Little black man, you are on the moon, and I am called the man in the moon. Who are you and where did you come from, and where are you going?"

"I's you de man in de moon, sho nouf?" He finally gasped. The old man smiled and asked again, "Who are you?"

"Oh, I's jes' little Bennie Dick," said that small, black person, very soberly, "an' I didn' mean to com' up here, hones' I didn'. Mammy don' tot' me neber to make no mo' kites an' when she went 'way dis ebenin' I don' made a awful big kite, 'an it don' flew'd away wid me. So here I is mistar moon-man, sar."

The Moon-man listened to this with an amused smile playing about his lips. When Bennie Dick had finished he asked, "Where would you like to go, little Bennie Dick."

"Please, sar, Mistar Moon-man, sar, I'd like to go home to mammy an' pappy, if you don' min' sar," replied Bennie Dick.

"Well," said the Moon-man, "come and have some supper with me and I will try to send you home."

He then led Bennie Dick into another room where they were going to have supper. Moonbeams played on the floor all the time, the room was lighted with moon-light, and moon-vines could be seen thru the window.

The little old Moon-man went to a cup-board in one corner and brought lots of good things and put them on the table for Bennie Dick. There were biscuits that were so good that Bennie Dick thought he could never get enough, and then there was honey and delicious cake.

After Bennie Dick had eaten his supper the old man said to him, "Now, little black man, I am going to send you home to your mammy and pappy."

He went out and called one of his moon-beams and instructed him to carry little Bennie Dick to his home way down there on the big plantation.

"Thanks, Mistar Moon-man, sar," said little Bennie Dick, "You's bin awful good an' kin' to me, sar, an' I won' neber make no mo' kites an' com' boderin' roun' you agin sar."

Then the old man bade him goodbye, and laying a hand on Bennie Dick's head, put him to sleep. He then called the Moon-beam, who gathered the sleeping child up in his arms and started for the Earth. Arriving at the woodshed, he carefully laid sleepy little Bennie Dick in one corner on some old bags. Then he returned to the moon.

Aunt Polly having come home late from the "meetin'", looked every where for Bennie Dick. At last she remembered the woodshed and hurried there with Uncle Moses. There in one corner lay little Bennie Dick, sound asleep, with the moonlight on his little black face.

"Bennie Dick, oh, Bennie Dick," cried Aunt Polly, "wak' up here, chil', I's you bin here a sleepin' eber sence I bin gon'?"

Bennie Dick opened his sleepy little eyes and when he saw his mammy and pappy, he burst out, "Oh, Mammy, whiles you was gon', I don' made myself a kite an' it flew away wid me, up to de Moon, and de man in the Moon, was awful good to me, an' he sen' me back home to you an' pappy, an' I ain't neber gwine to use up yo' kindlin'-wood an' paper to make kites ob agin'."

Aunt Polly had her doubts about this story, but she never told Bennie Dick that he had only dreamt about the Man in the Moon, and Bennie Dick never, never used up her kindlin'-wood and paper to make kites with again.

OCTOBER

By J. C. H. '12

In a calm, bright sunny morning,
In October's soothing days,
When you've gone out for a stroll into the woods;
And the trees are all aglory,
In a great phantasmagoria,
Every dew drop tells a story—that is good.
You are back in days of boyhood,
With a beech-rod in your hand,

Going out to bring the night-belated kine.

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You stand where they have lain—

O, it was fine!

In the hill-top field adjacent,

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With their bells a-tink-a-linking all the while;

While the sunbeams now advancing,

Brightning, coloring, changing, dancing,

Painted up the morning scene in splendid style.

On the hickory trees you passed,

Stole the squirrel (and never asked,)

Freely from the store of nuts you called your own;

But, as if in compensation,

You had some retaliation,

By the rabbit in the box you carried home.

And the tintinnabulation,

Of your heart, made all creation

Seem within your power to fashion or to style;

While your youthful effervescence,—

Of all life the rare quintessence,

Made you feel as though you could have leaped a mile.

So all nature gave the feeling,

That God was to you revealing,

All the occult springs of life—that's but his own;

And it even yet comes stealing,

Inexpressible appealing,

When October's in her prime, and you're alone.

THE FROST SPIRIT

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!

You may trace his footsteps now,

On the naked woods and the blasted fields and brown hill's
withered brow.

He has smitten the leaves of the gray, old trees where their
pleasant green came forth,

And the winds, which follow wherever he goes, have shaken

them down to the earth.

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!—From the frozen Labrador—

From the icy bridge of the Northern seas, which the white bear wanders o'er—

While the fisherman's sails are stiff with ice, and the luckless forms below

In the sunless cold of the lingering night into marble statues grow!

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!—on the Northern blast,

And the dark Norwegian pines have bowed, as his fearful breath went past.

With an unscorched wing he has hurried on, where the fires of Hecla glow,

On the dark beautiful sky above and the ancient ice below.

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!—and the quiet lake shall feel

The torpid touch of his glazing breath,

And ring to the skater's heel;

And the stream which danced on the broken rocks, or sang to the leaning grass,

Shall bow again to their winter chain, and in mournful silence pass.

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!—let us meet him as we may,

And turn with the light of the parlor-fire his evil power away;

And gather closer the circle round,

When the firelight dances high,

And laugh at the shriek of the baffled Fiend as his sounding wing goes by!—Whittier

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On Friday morning, the eighth, at about 3.40, the people of Shepherdstown were aroused from their slumber by the ringing of the fire bell. Soon the streets were resounding with the patter of feet, hastening to the scene of the fire. The fire was on main street, and as the flames were bursting from the building when the alarm was given, it was at once seen that the fire was to be one of some consequence.

The Local Fire Department went to work with a will, but found, despite their heroic effort, that they were unable to control the angry flames. In consequence, the Hagerstown Fire Department was called. After a period, when minutes seemed hours, it arrived, and by its aid the fire was controlled. But not, however, until the greater part of a block had been consumed.

Although there were some rather narrow escapes, fortunately no one was injured. The students, both girls and boys showed a willingness and were able to carry a great deal of property to a place of safety, for which the people were very grateful.

Miss Sperow was the only student directly affected by the fire.

When the alarm was given, so close were the flames upon her, that she just had time to leave the room without thinking of saving a single thing. A seventy-five dollar watch was among her losses. Yet, notwithstanding this loss and her fright, Miss Sperow looked as bright and cheerful the next day as though nothing had happened.

Some of the property which burned was not insured, and the owners thereof would have felt the loss much more keenly had the good people not shown the Christian spirit and helped to bear the burden.



THE students of Shepherd College, the people of the town and surrounding community were very fortunate in having in their midst a number of excellent speakers, who were laboring in behalf of the adoption of the Prohibition Amendment. Among these were the Rev. Mr. Charles Scanlon, of the First Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Judge McWhorter, of Buckhannon, W. Va.

Rev. Scanlon is a native of Hampshire County, and received his secondary education at Shepherd College State Normal School. He is a man who has made a reputation for himself in his own state and nation, and has been in foreign countries in the interest of social betterment. The people of this community justly feel proud of him.

On the evening of his address the spacious auditorium was well filled by an appreciative audience. Though he spoke for an hour and a half, the whole assembly listened in almost breathless silence. His flow of elegant language and his eloquent manner of delivery at once won the audience and held it in a surprising manner.

The following day he conducted chapel exercises, and gave another inspiring talk. Many citizens of the town availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing him at this hour.

Judge McWhorter also gave a lengthy address. He told of the origin and history of the liquor traffic in this country. One seldom hears a more interesting or instructive discourse.

West Virginia's noble action on the ratification question is due, in a large measure, to the untiring efforts of such men as these.

The week beginning October 20th was Harvest Home week at Shepherd College. This annual display week has come to be one of the most pleasant of the whole year. The long table was again placed in the hall and laden with fruits of the garden, orchard and field. Prizes were given to students bringing the best fruit, the best corn and the most novel article. This is one of Prof. Miller's methods of teaching close observation, a love for farm life and an improvement of farm products.



Friday evening, October eighteenth, the faculty gave the students a reception. They were entertained in an unexpected way, which, however, proved exceedingly interesting and very instructive. The plan was a convention for the adoption of a platform, the nominating of persons for the various school offices, and the election. Voting booths were arranged, tickets printed and everything in readiness. The students entered heartily into the plan, and finally, after much lively discussion and a bolt, two tickets were in the field. The polls were opened and all had the pleasure of voting, after which refreshments were served. The result of the election was announced and all departed in the happiest mood.



A few days before the mid-term examinations, we had with us Mr. Kewahe, a Japanese student, who is graduated from the University of Wisconsin and is now attending the Columbia University.

He gave us a short talk in Chapel on his own country and the education, customs and manners of his own people, which was very interesting,

He came not as an orator but as a representative of Japanese art. He exhibited a beautiful line of this art in the library department and for nearly two days the students had the privilege of examining the pictures and purchasing those of their choice.



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B patient, B prayerful, B humble, B mild,
B wise as a Solon, B meek as a child;
B studious, B thoughtful, B loving, B kind,

B sure you make matter subservient to mind;
 B cautious, B prudent, B trustful, B true,
 B courteous to all men, B friendly with few;
 B temperate in argument, pleasure and wine.
 B careful of conduct, of money, of time,
 B cheerful, B grateful, B hopeful, B firm,
 B peaceful, benevolent, willing to learn;
 B courageous, B gentle, B liberal, B just,
 B aspiring, B humble, because thou art dust;
 B penitent, circumspect, sound in faith,
 B active, B devoted, B faithful till death,
 B honest, B holy, transparent and pure,
 B dependent, B Christlike and you'll B secure.—Ex.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

By Nellie Greider and L. S. Chorpensing

Yale University has 17,251 living graduates, according to a directory just published.

On October fifteenth and sixteenth an examination was held at the university for applicants for appointment to the vacant Rhodes scholarship from West Virginia. Four young men took the examination—two from the students of the university, one from Davis and Elkins College, and one a West Virginia student in Marietta College.

An Austrian professor, bound for Mars, via the United States, has been sent back. It is one of the few instances in which we are forced to confess that European estimates of our resources are entirely too high.

A youth attending the Michigan State Agricultural College stocked a pond with frogs and is more than paying his way by supplying frogs' legs to the Chicago market.

A special effort is to be made this year to have December 10th, West Virginia day, celebrated very generally throughout all the schools of the state in order to awaken an interest in the preparations for the semi-centennial celebration next June. State superintendent of schools, M. P. Shawkey, has named December 10th, as West Virginia day on the school calendar, and Colonel John E. Day, secretary of the state semi-centennial commission, has writ-

ten him urging that the schools be instructed to prepare elaborate celebrations for the date. It was on the 10th day of December 1862, that the thirty seventh congress passed the bill number 365, admitting West Virginia to the Union.

French army aeroplanes are now being fitted with wireless telegraph apparatus.

Sixty heroes have lately been honored with Carnegie medals. As usual, most of the acts of heroism were in saving people from drowning.

The new Young Women's Christian Association opened its home at Lynchburg, Virginia, Thursday night. Miss Sarah Haley, formerly of North Carolina, is general secretary.

Appeals are being sent to members of Presbyterian churches in Baltimore to contribute to a fund which is being collected to purchase additional property that the Presbyterian Training School at 1002 Madison avenue, may increase its capacity. A committee of which George K. McGaw is chairman, has been appointed to secure the funds.

School commissioner Thanhouser of Baltimore sent a letter to Mayor Preston showing that the board's plan of having a central warehouse was saving the department considerable money in the way of hauling.

It is stated that Woodrow Wilson would make a good Lexicographer. He is also a past master of repartee, as he proved a score of times during his recent "stumping" tour.

"Success lays its laurel crown upon the brow of him who gives his best, and not his poorest, to the world.

"Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you. After all allowances is made, one gets out of life just about what he puts into it. If one labors diligently and conscientiously at his task, no matter what it is, the doing of the task will eventually pave the way to something better."

Every farmer should have a good microscope. In buying clover seed, timothy, grass and other small seeds it will show him instantly what he is getting.

Woodrow Wilson is not the first "school-master" to receive presidential honors. John Adams, Jefferson, J. Q. Adams, Fillmore, Pierce, Garfield, Arthur and McKinley did a great deal per-

taining to school work. However, none of them were avowed professional educators, as is Wilson.

Of the 523,000 public school teachers in the United States more than four-fifths are women.

It has been said that he who teaches a teacher teaches a multitude. We certainly can give our Normal Schools a large amount of credit.

There are now in the public school libraries of West Virginia about 300,000 volumes. Many of the books are good books but wholly unsuited to children; but still there is constant and notable improvement in the selection of books for our libraries.

West Virginia and Florida are the only states in the Union without laws permitting town councils to lay a tax for public libraries. We still have a few things to do yet.

West Virginia has at least a thousand important mining operations, but up to the present it has educated just two mining engineers.

Nearly two-thirds of the American public school enrollment is in the rural schools.

The largest public school building in Europe is the new continuation school at Vienna.

The average monthly salary of American school teachers in 1870 was \$28.54. It is now \$61.70. It is not quite that high in West Virginia.

Foot-ball is forbidden in the schools of Bavaria by a recent decree.

ALUMNI NOTES

Lillian Stump, '11, who has a position this year in the Charles Town Graded School, spent the week end in Shepherdstown with her aunt, Mrs. William Knadler.

Clyde Williams, '10, a student at Dickinson, spent several days at his home recently.

Elizabeth Taylor, '11, and her sister, Miss May Taylor, of Elkins, spent several days in Shepherdstown as the guests of Miss Barnes.

M. K. Rightstine, '04, of the Evening Star, Washington, and

Horace Banks, '09, of Washington and Lee University, came home to vote.

Edith Moffett, '12, of Troutville, Virginia, spent a week recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Spedden.

Rhoda Needy, '96, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Needy, October twenty-third. She was a woman of many excellent traits of character, and her death is a great blow to her friends.

*LITERARY SOCIETIES
 AND ASSOCIATIONS*

CICERONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

By Floyd B. Mathias

The Ciceronian Literary Society is booming, both in the high character of the work it is doing and the way it is growing. The outlook for a good year's work is excellent. Our President Howard Phillips, is doing much towards building up the society, by requiring good order, close application to the work each member has to do, and urging each member to do his work faithfully and well. With such a member at the helm we can but make progress. Every member shows a willingness to do his part and it is seldom that a member fails to do the work assigned him. The President has introduced a new feature in the work, extemporaneous speaking, which is becoming very popular among the members and is doing much towards the growth of the society. Much of our new material is young, but what they lack in quantity they make up in quality and in a few years our society will have some members who will be a match for anything they meet in any line of society work.

At our last meeting a committee consisting of Miss Hildred Marlatt and Floyd Mathias was appointed to solicit from each member of the society a small sum for the relief of some who in the fire of November 8, lost nearly everything they possessed; the sum of \$5.25 was collected.

Our next meeting will be November 22. The program for

that meeting consists of a Declamation by Katherine Wysong, Vocal Solo Hildred Marlatt, Select Reading by Florence Heartley, Story, Joseph Mathias, Debate by G. Clifford Bartlett and Mabel Hill vs. Floyd Mathias and Charlotte Reinhart.

PARTHENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

By Rella Harper

The Parthenian Literary Society is always anxiously waiting to give out a report of the excellent work it is doing.

The programs this term have given no indications of lowering the high standard for which our society is noted.

The productions have been entertaining, as well as instructive and do not lack the quality of being well rendered. A feeling of earnestness is shown by the members in their good work and the growing interest in the weekly meetings bodes a higher standing in the future.

We enjoy the visits and interesting talks of members of the Faculty and of our sister society, and hope to have them with us often.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

By Mabel Hill, '13

The girls of Shepherd College seem to be taking a great interest in the work of the Y. W. C. A. We have had very interesting meetings the past month. They were led by Mrs. Gardiner and Miss Turner and were well attended.

We are glad to have quite a number of new students become members of our association and hope they will be benefitted by attending the meetings.

The Week of Prayer was observed by both of the Christian Associations.

The girls are busily engaged in making preparations for the Bazaar to be held Saturday, December the seventh.

EXCHANGE NOTES

The exchanges thus far received are: The St. Frances Shiner,

Mt. Carroll, Ill.; The Lemon and Black, Front Royal, Va.; The Anchor, Holland, Mich.; The Lutheran Normal School Mirror, Sioux Falls, S. D.; The West Virginia Tablet, Romney, W. Va.; The Rustler, Fremont, Neb.; The Acta, Elkins, W. Va.; The News, Grafton, W. Va.; The Antiochian, Yellow Springs, Ohio; The Dickinsonian, Carlisle, Pa.; The Beaver, Bluefield, W. Va.; The Glenville Normal, Glenville, W. Va.; The Comus.

The Rustler is a clever western publication. The information shop is full of sense and nonsense.

The exchange notes of The Comus are good. Some of them being the kind that will make one smile at night when he awakes, should he think of them.

We like The Antiochian. It contains some instructive articles each time.

The Acta is exceptionally good this month. The cover is original and interesting, especially, to D. and E.

The first installment of "The Venturesome Boy," in the Lemon and Black is very entertaining.

The "News" is worthy of comment. The number is interesting and well gotten up.

Several other exchanges are in. They all show careful work. We are proud of our exchanges and hope to keep in close touch with all of them.



CLASS NOTES

JUNIOR NOTES

We are still here and everything seems prosperous. Our number is still increasing. Since the last issue of The Picket, Miss Jessie Cook has come to us. We are always glad to receive new members and give them a hearty welcome.

We regret that Mr. Hammond Staley, a member of our class, and a strong member of our basketball team had his collar bone broken, which will render him unable to play during the greater part of the season.

On November fourth, the Seniors visited us during our rhetorical. We were very glad to see them and extend a cordial invitation to them to come again.



Reporter—Floyd B. Mathias.

Our equipment and grounds for athletic work are very limited. Up to this time only basketball could be played in the fall, owing to a lack of grounds and equipment, and as there were only a few who could use the gymnasium for practice many were without some form of exercise, and amusement. Through the untiring efforts of Prof. Miller we have been able to secure quite a few things in the way of grounds and equipment. A fine tennis court has just been completed near the building and a good supply of rackets, balls, etc., have been put at the disposal of the students. This will furnish good exercise and amusement for quite a number of students who prefer the less strenuous, and in fact less dangerous games. It was quite awhile before help in grading the court could be obtained, but at length several of the students, who were in need of exercise volunteered to assist in doing the work, so in a few days a beautiful court was made.

Our basketball teams are getting in fine form. They practice daily and by the time they are ready to meet other teams they will be in fine shape. Our teams promise to be the best we have ever had. The first team for boys will be made up of Snyder, Lewis, Slonaker, Perks, and Staley; substitutes Mish and Hobbs.

The girls team is made up of Ada and Pearl Shickle, Edith Dodd, Mary and Bessie Williamson, Lula Early and Ethel Pearcy.

Several games have been played between the college teams, the result being in favor of the first team always but the second teams prove by their work that they too have some good material in their teams.

The first accident of the season occurred a few days ago during basketball practice, when Staley had the misfortune to break his collar bone. At present he is doing as well as could be expected, and we hope he will soon be well again and ready to take his place on the team. We trust there will be no more such accidents. Barring accidents and misfortunes our team is expected to equal the record made by our teams last year, when they were victorious in a large percentage of their games.



Locals and Personals



Professor Miller attended the funeral of Professor U. S. Fleming last month.

A very destructive fire occurred in Shepherdstown Friday morning, the eighth.

Mr. P.—“If you were dropped in the center of a great forest, would you know the way home”?

Mr. H.—“It depends upon how far I was dropped.”

Prof. M. (in Psychology) “Mr. L., were you ever frightened by Indians”?

Mr. L.—“No, sir, but I was frightened by a bear.”

Prof. M.—“Was it a real bear?”

Mr. L.—“No, sir, it was a knot on a tree.”

If Joe Mathias keeps house will Jessie Cook?

E. V. B. says, “I love my Detriot, Michigan but O. U. Newport News.”

We are having some holidays in the month of November, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Does a man over x minus y equal a fraction of a man?

Miss Hale (mistaking the word mine for the word mice)
 "What, mice on your paper?"

Girl, "No ma'am, there are no mice on my paper."

Miss Turner, "What is a young mountain?"

Student, "It is one in good health."

Recently, Mr. Chorpenning and Mr. Dolly were under Marshall law. Although they were in the hands of a Marshall, they succeeded in escaping with a great quantity of jewelry. Boys try your luck again.

As a result of an experiment by Prof. Kenamond and Mr. Phillips, it was found, that, if a man could jump as far, in proportion to his weight as a grasshopper, he could jump 13 mi., 81 rd., 2 yd., 1 ft., 6 1-2 inches.

Miss Waddell, teacher of English, desires to give, through the columns of *The Picket*, due warning to all persons in the habit of jumping upon her cellar door, that she intends to place under said door, an infernal machine of 96 horse power explosive force, so that any one trying to break up the peace and sanctity of her household, by this barbarous, earsplitting and nerve-racking practice, will do so at their own peril.

Mr. P.—"What would you call a man who passes by a tree and sees a cavity in it, then says, 'That cavity ought to be filled.'"

Mr. D.—"A dentist."

Mr. L.—"Ben Johnson was the son of Mr. Johnson."

Mr. G.—"Mr. P., what is the proposition to be proved in today's lesson?"

Mr. P.—"The east and west angles of an isosceles triangle are equal."

Mr. W., writes the principal parts of the verb, lay: lay, ly, lyn.

Mr. D. (debating,) "When we have wheat in a box, very often a little insect, called the weasel gets into it."

Prof. M., speaking of a man being taken into a hospital, "He went there with one lung on a stretcher."

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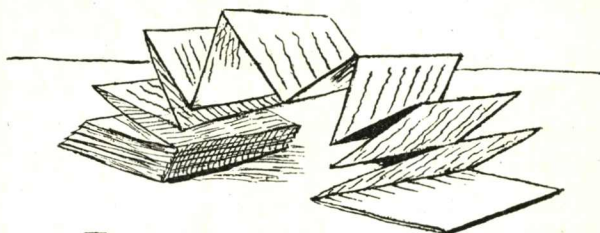
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THE RING AND THE LOOK

By M. W. '13.

Elspeth was a demure young person with a reposeful air that invariably attracted the thoughtful, though many of her student acquaintances described her as "too dignified to enjoy a lark." Once she had overheard a remark of that kind and it had stung like a nettle.

It had stung all the more because she, herself, believed it. Not that she ever consciously or intentionally assumed an air of hauteur, for she would have been the last woman in the world "To wear an undeserved dignity," but she totally lacked the gift of being gay. No matter how gay she was, no one could ever guess it unless he surprised one of the rapturous gleams in her dark eyes—gleams that sometimes revealed the rare and unsuspected depths of her nature. Never in the least realizing the restful charm of her quiet manner, Elspeth longed ever to be gay, lively, even frivolous. In her heart, she envied poor, jolly Trix Sumey, the worst addle-pate in school.

The student body at Hillburn College during the year in which this incident occurred, was—one might almost say—afflicted with mirth, the "goddess fair and free

In heaven yclept Euphrosyne

And by men, heart-easing Mirth."

But they were a clean-minded, wholesome, happy crowd, and though the instructors sighed many a hopeless sigh, and wore many a righteous frown of disapproval at what they chose to call the "frittering habits" of a large majority of their students, good Father Time and Mother Experience later, so generously eked out the training conscientiously and painstakingly begun by the Faculty at Hillburn that these same exacting instructors have had cause to be proud of their small part in the work.

However, it is of Elspeth Robbins that I began to tell, but as Elspeth's affairs acquired their major interest—to her, at least—about that time, I had to mention the merry, care-free school

—known among old students as the Matrimonial Hegira, because so many students were married or became engaged during that year—to show the influence that constant association with lovers and love making can have, even on a modest, well-bred, self-respecting girl, for Elspeth was all of that.

For seven days and nights each week Elspeth was regarded with choice quotations from the daily letters of one "Lefty" Ream, who played half-back on Hanover "Techs" husky eleven, wrote letters to Kitty Warren, Elspeth's esteemed room-mate, and studied law a little once in awhile when there was nothing else for him to do.

On her way to and from classes, she was regularly tendered information concerning "Reddy" and "Bill" and various other absent gods of the dormitory, for it was a recognized fact that she was the most sympathetic auditor in school. She wore some of "Peachy's" flowers, got indigestion from eating too many of "Dixie's" chocolates, got ten demerits for having a light after ten-thirty composing a proper, but not too proper letter of condolence for Bettie Knapp to Jimmy Ranger when his father died. Engagements were so common that one vinegary old lady remarked that "Eleven out of every ten of those pert Dorm girls were engaged."

Yet in spite of all the confidences showered upon Elspeth, not once was she heard to mention even so much as a cousin in the masculine gender. Letters she received, it is true, and Evelyn Morris, who distributed the mail had several times declared she believed Elspeth had a lover in Fordham, for she received letters regularly from there; plump, prosperous looking letters, "addressed in a man's handwriting." They were always in envelopes of some business firm but Evelyn could never remember the name more than a minute after she had read it.

Now while every girl in school was ready to tell Elspeth of her affairs no one was bold enough to ask about Elspeth's own. Once when Aleta Killer had asked her whether a certain quaint filigree ring she wore had been given to her by her best man friend Elspeth had blushed furiously, and then hesitatingly said, "Yes." But there was that in her manner that made Aleta forbear to venture further questions.

It was not given to the score or more of girls to whom Aleta related the incident to see Elspeth a few moments after the occur-

rence actually weeping in the seclusion of her own room, and moaning to her pillow, "It's just too cruel! Why can't I have some one to care for me as all these other girls? Why must Fate make me so sanctimonious that men don't think me human? It's not fair."

But fair or foul, she saw no remedy in view, so she continued calmly on her peaceful way, untrammelled by obligations to any man except good old Freel McClintock at Fordham, her father's friend, who regularly read and pruned the too ambitious wings of her articles for the Woman's Column of the Hillburn Eagle, the articles that paid for Elspeth's bread and butter, and other necessities of student life. It was these innocent, harmless letters, "addressed in a man's handwriting," that had aroused Evelyn's curiosity and Aleta to ask Elspeth personal questions.

When school closed for Election Day holiday, Elspeth had gone to visit the McClintock's at Fordham. There, while wandering through the bit of park, the pride and joy of the town, her attention had been attracted to a small bright object imbedded in the ground beside the path. By the aid of a hairpin, she had dug it out and found it to be a ring—a diamond ring that exactly fitted her finger. Though of only moderate size, the diamond was of unusual beauty and tastefully set.

As soon as she realized its beauty, Elspeth was seized with a most unholy desire to keep the ring. For the bauble itself she cared nothing, but she longed to wear such a ring for what it would imply to the girls at Hillburn. She longed to wear an engagement ring not because she cared for any man, but because the isolation of being the only unengaged girl in her crowd was humiliating to her. Elspeth was only nineteen in spite of her se-date looks.

The only clue she had to find the owner of the ring was the initials "R. J." inside the ring. She decided guiltily that she would not advertise, but would wait and watch the papers for a lost ad. The Fordham Leader got a new subscriber on that account, and she eagerly scanned each issue dutifully but reluctantly, hoping, yet fearing, to find an owner for what had already become to her a secret treasure which she looked at many times a day. She never dared to wear it except behind the locked door of her own room until Thanksgiving, when she had gone to visit her only living relative in the city. By the time she started back on

Sunday night she felt entirely at ease with the diamond glittering on her shapely hand.

When she reached her room in the dormitory, Kitty awaited her in charming negligee, ready to serve her a cup of hot cocoa. The moment Elspeth's glove was off, Kitty pounced upon the ring, showering kisses and embraces upon poor blushing Elspeth, and calling her a "sly puss." When Kitty pleaded with her for her fiance's name, Elspeth, in panic, gave the first name she could think of corresponding to the initials, "R. J." "Ralph Jarrett," she faltered, "but oh, Kitty, I just can't talk about him."

As that was exactly what the girls might have expected of her, they troubled her with no more questions, but pieced out a story that satisfied them from the Fordham letters and the name, Ralph Jarrett.

Not long afterward as Elspeth was returning from a shopping trip on a Fordham and Darkeville car, she removed her gloves to adjust her veil. As she finished she observed a handsome, well-dressed young man across the aisle looking searchingly into her face and then lowering his gaze to the ring. She had already become so accustomed to wearing the ring that she failed to connect his close scrutiny of her with the ownership of the ring. Yet his gaze, though frankly impersonal, was so compelling that she looked squarely at him again. Without in the least understanding why, she felt herself blushing furiously.

She stared diligently out of the window till the young man went to the front of the car to talk to some one. Then, glancing across the aisle, she noticed that his suitcase was marked "R. J." She felt sure at once that he was the "R. J." who owned the ring, and that he had noticed it on her finger. She was glad he had not returned to his seat when she left the car, for she was too weak with fright to go through the ordeal of attempting an explanation for wearing a valuable ring which she had found six weeks before and had made no effort to restore to its owner.

She saw no more of "R. J." though she watched anxiously for him everytime she entered a car. Examinations and other term-end responsibilities crowded upon her so fast that the ring and the searching look were driven from her mind till the day before Christmas, when she went to McClintock's for a ten day's house party.

They were already at dinner and Elspeth was just in the act

of receiving a cup of coffee from the hand of the waiter when quick, elastic steps were heard in the hall, and a young man came in.

"Excuse us Ralph for not waiting," said Mrs. McClintock. "I never heard you come, so I thought you had been detained in the office. I believe you know everyone here but Miss Robbins. Elspeth, this is Ralph Jarrett, my nephew."

Poor Elspeth had no chance to respond for when she glanced up and saw "R. J.," the young man of the car incident and the keen look, she dropped the cup of scalding coffee. Kind Mrs. McClintock took her to her room and tried to assure her that the broken china need not disturb her in the least. She never suspected that Elspeth's peace of mind was quite as badly shattered as the dishes.

That night she wrote a pitiful little letter, confessing to Ralph Jarrett how she had kept the ring and made no real effort to find the owner, and explaining as well as she could the circumstances that could drive a girl to do such a thing.

Back came the maid at once with a note saying that Ralph Jarrett would be glad to pardon such a trivial offense if she would but consent to see him in the library for a few moments.

She went and Ralph told her that he had not cared enough for the ring to advertise for it, because a wealthy cousin whom he cordially detested had given it to him on his College graduation day. The only time he had ever been pleased with it was when he had seen it on her hand. She was persuaded to continue wearing it to avoid comment among the girls.

Ralph made a mental vow that it would surely be his fault if many months passed before she should be wearing a ring of his own purchasing.

TALL TIMBERS' DREAM

By L. S. C. '13.

On the eleventh day in the Moon of Ripe Apples Gentle Heart and his Assistants came again to the Castle of Knowledge to dispense Wisdom, after a season of rest. With him as of yore were Slim, Beloved, Strict Rule, Fair, Unfair, Frozen, Bonny, (short for Bonheur), she who trains in Arts and Crafts, Jolly, who has even her bit of compliment for all, she who presides over the Heavenly Art in the ancient castle over against the castle of

Knowledge, and Supposition, he who followed after Tilted when the phantom Lucre lured Tilted to depart for the former post of labor of the famous Jack not.

Now Tall Timber had dwelt in the Castle of Knowledge upwards of two years, and his accumulation of wisdom appeared so great in his own eyes that it caused him much distress in that it brought about a dire disease known as Swell Head, which is to say a huge uprising of the Bumps of Vanity. And so severe was his attack that at times a kind of madness would show forth in him, and he would stamp about wildly, and wave his arms, and beat his breast and cry, "I am a Junior, a great and mighty Junior! I will scrap! I will follow in the steps of the great and unsurpassed scrap leader, John Hupp and the other illustrious scrappers of the class of 1912! Of what use to sweat and toil through the Freshman and Sophomore ranks if one may not enjoy the Junior and Senior right of free speech!"

And sometimes so violent because his frenzy at these times that he would come nigh unto fainting from weakness.

One time after Slim had preached for forty-five minutes on "Peace and Love for the Fellow That Does You," Tall Timbers went forth and fell into a most woeful fit, and rolled and tossed, moaned of "Rights," and "Freedom of Speech," till Gentle Heart caused him to be lifted to the Table of Laws in the Star Chamber, and a coat to be placed under his head. Then Beloved stood by him and fanned him; and Slim and Frozen and Strict Rule and Fair and Unfair and Bonny and Supposition and Jolly, all these came to the door of the Star Chamber and gazed with compassion on Tall Timbers.

At length he slept well even as the sleep of the just, and Gentle Heart and Beloved left him to attend the weekly consultation of Gentle Heart and his several assistant Rulers, at which divers matters are held forth and much wise speaking is done and of many learners.

Now it came to pass that at this coming together, Gentle Heart and his Assistants had as a task the giving of demerits for all sins of omission and commission of the Learners for the past three Moons. As the recorder called the roll, each of the Assistant Rulers would lay before the assembly the sins of the learner known to him, and would give unto that Learner demerits according to his sins.

As Tall Timbers lay asleep on the table of the Laws in the Star Chamber, there appeared unto him as in a vision a sight of the stern and awful gathering as they meted out justice to those who had persistently refused to hearken unto the Commands of the Ruler and his Assistant Rulers.

First, he heard the recorder call, the Tall Pringle of Barbour. Immediately Unfair rose up and said, "The Learner has oft heeded not to attend the daily worships in the Upper Chamber of the Castle. I bespeak for him ten demerits." But Gentle Heart, in his compassion, bade the Recorder make it but five. Then came the name of Roger, the Stout. Strict Rule declared straightway that this Learner is a ravenous feeder and therefore waxeth fat and sluggish so that he faileth even to reach classes at the appointed time on the first day of each week. She advised that he be set to a diet of Bread and Water till such time as he should cast away his superfluous flesh. Gentle Heart was about to speak but Beloved hastily exclaimed, "Boys are ever filled with a desire for food. I pray you allow him yet an abundance of flesh and fish."

Next came the name of Katherine, the Disturber. At once uprore a loud chorus of voices saying, "She disturbeth one's peace in divers ways; she and the two Lac-Learners with whom she holds daily close intercourse. They oft mar the sacredness of the worship in the Upper Chamber by their noisesome conduct therein." Each and everyone of Gentle Hearts assistants urged that these each and severally be required to learn the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, and the Twenty-third Psalm.

Tall Timbers' heart quaked within him as he heard these dire pronouncements. In his mind he saw all the misdeeds he had done for many Moons. Tears rolled down his cheeks till they moistened the coat under head. Fear was in his heart lest the burden of penance he would be assigned might be even more than he, in his weak state, could bear. "Tall Timbers," called the Recorder. Unfair named over transgressions of every variety with which she charged him. Frozen said, "Yes, these things are even so." Unfair demanded that he be required to write an Argumentative Theme of five thousand words on, "Perfection in Politics through Equal Suffrage." Others of the Assistant Rulers made as if to rise and speak, but Gentle heart said, "He is a courteous youth and has read much, even The Hoosier Schoolmaster. "He knows the Chambered Nantilus, The Last Leaf, The Republic, Lines to a Waterfowl and many other noble poems. Inasmuch as he is already in dire afflictions let us forgive him his misdeeds this time."

Now Tall Timbers' heart sang for joy and he cried aloud, "I have harbored ill will in my heart against Unfair because I must forsooth learn those verses. I will arise and go to her and give her my blessing." As he arose Gentle Heart entered the Star Chamber and saw him forth.

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THE Shepherd College Club at Morgantown now numbers thirty members and frequent meetings are held during the college year. The Club was recently entertained at the home of Prof. and Mrs. O. P. Chitwood, and a delightful evening was spent in singing college songs and recounting stories of former days at Shepherd College. Mrs. Knutti, the wife of our former beloved Principal, is one of the active workers of the Club, and frequently entertains it at her home.

The officers are Dr. E. H. Vickers, President; Mrs. Eleanor Eddy Knutti, Vice-President; Miss Lucy Beltzhoover, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Cady, Treasurer.



THE meeting of the Potomac Valley Round Table at Harpers Ferry on November 15th and 16th, was, by far, the largest and best session ever held by this organization. Over two hundred teachers were enrolled and many excellent papers and addresses were presented. Shepherd College was represented by its entire

Faculty and nearly all the schools in Berkeley and Jefferson counties were closed by authority of the Boards of Education in order that the teachers might attend.

The meetings were held at the Hill Top House, whose proprietor gave the guests every attention.

The visitors saw the splendid High School building now being erected, and many visited Storer College and were surprised at what they saw there.



 LITERARY SOCIETIES

AND ASSOCIATIONS

C. L. S. NOTES

By E. B. Mathias, '14

This will be our last report for this term. At the beginning of next term a new set of officers will be at the wheel and we trust that they will be able to do their work as well as the official staff for this term has done. They have done much to increase the interest and build up the society, and the work will be easier for those who take over the reins.

At the last meeting held the election of officers was taken up and resulted as follows:

- President—Floyd B. Mathias.
- Vice-President—G. Clifford Bartlett.
- Secretary—Ruth Knott.
- Treasurer—Mary J. Triplett.
- Reporter—Howard Phillips.
- Critic—Edith Dodd.
- Sergeant—James Polhamus.

We trust that when the holiday vacation is ended and the work for the winter term begins every member will be with us again, and in his place ready to continue the good work already begun, and thereby keep the standard high. We extend a hearty welcome to all new students and invite them to become members

of our society, assuring them that they will be joyfully received.

We hope that everyone will have a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year and return much rested for the winter's work.

P. L. S. NOTES

By Rel'a Harper

Our society has been doing honest, faithful work since the last publication of The Picket. Our programs have been so good that they have caused much comment, of which we know they were worthy when the "boosts" came from such prominent persons as Prof. Kenamond and Mrs. Gardiner.

We feel highly complimented at having visitors, especially members of our sister society, speak of our good order and attention.

At our last meeting of this term the program was dispensed with as this was the time for the election of officers for the coming term:

President—C. R. Gates.

Vice-President—Marvin Porterfield.

Secretary—Ruth Licklider.

Treasurer—Graham LaRue.

Critic—V. L. Dyer.

Reporter—Ethel Pearcy.

Sergeant—A. S. DeHaven.

We feel that we have made a wise choice in selecting these persons for the head of our organization, for they always have been active, faithful workers.

Parthenian members, let your motto be "semper procedens" and work hard not for yourselves alone, but for the honor of the P. L. S.

English Club Notes

The English Club has held but two regular meetings this term, one on November 22, at which time Hawthorne was studied, and one on December 13, when Lowell was the subject studied.

At the first meeting five young men, Messrs. Dolly, Nelson, Bartlett, Chorpennig and Flynn took the pledge of membership.

Professor Miller and Mr. Duke were guests at the December meeting, and the former favored the Club with an interesting talk

on Lowell and Literary New England. He added greatly to our interest in Lowell by telling us of literary haunts of the great author which he had visited since Lowell's death.

The Club is the very proud possessor of a handsome mission china cabinet for the Club dishes.

At the quarterly election, held December 16, the following officers were elected: Head, Howard Phillips; Scribe, Bessie Williamson; Vice-Counsel, Cecil Gates; Seekers, G. C. Bartlett and Evelyn Billmyer; Watch, E. W. Dolly; Reporter, Luther Flynn.

CLASS NOTES

SENIOR NOTES

The long-looked-for holidays have at last rolled around. The examinations are over, and we are ready to leave for our homes with happy and cheerful hearts.

School closed December 18, and will resume the work Monday, January 6. Let us hope that all the Seniors will be back ready to work with the highest zeal. Several of the Seniors, however, did not go home to spend the holidays.

Since the last issue of *The Picket* one of our Senior girls, Miss Louranna Myers, decided to give up the study of psychology for "domestic science."

Our class pins and rings have come, and we Seniors are very proud of our emblem of our alma mater.

Who is Kenny? He is the "guy" that put the Road to Rex.

If Edna Buntun gets lost would Helen Hunter?

Mr. Miller (in psychology class)—"Mr. Hobbs, was Roosevelt shot in the psychological moment?"

Mr. Hobbs—"No, sir. He was shot in the side."

Mr. Miller (in History of Education)—"Mr. Clapham, how did Paul go to Rome? Did he go by steamer or in a pullman car?"

Mr. Clapham—"I think he rode a mule."

***** EXCHANGE NOTES *****

The Picket might put in an appeal as did one of our exchanges, that its unpopularity is wide spread. Only one exchange has commented on our work this year. Do you think our paper not worth looking over? Or could it be that all our work is of such a classical, of such a high standard, that the ordinary exchanges can not comprehend, therefore, can not commend? Let us hear from you please, favorable or unfavorable.

Among our new exchanges is the Triakonta. It is a very neat little book and we are glad to exchange with you.

The Anchor is to be congratulated on attractive cover for the Christmas number.

"An experience in Paris," in the monthly Chronicle is an interesting story. The athletic notes are rather long.

The Bethany Collegian is full of good things—so full that it seems rather crowded.

The Tattlers has surely learned the definition of a "short story."

Comus—We think you are selfish, you make your exchange so short.

The Tiger has turned out to be of German extraction, and now speaks in pages of its mother tongue.

The Wa-Wa is especially attractive this month.

The Gazette has an interesting number. The material might have been arranged to a better advantage.

The Signal shows careful and painstaking work. The lettering on the cover could have been much neater.

The Pageant is worth looking over. Your thanksgiving story is "short but sweet."

The literary page of the Gordonian is splendid.

The Glenville Normal Bulletin has good material, but poor arrangement.

The Clarion, Appleton, Wis., shows good work. Though you can't play football, you can publish a commendable school paper.

The Lemon and Black, Front Royal, Va., is one of our best exchanges. It contains some interesting stories and school news show a proper school spirit. The paper and printing are also good.

The Preparatory Herald, Keyser, W. Va., has been somewhat altered in appearance. We don't believe the cover has been improved. However, the contents has made some progress.

The West Virginia Tablet, Romney, W. Va., is one of our faithful exchanges. A little more original work would improve your paper.

The Dickinsonian, Carlisle, Pa., is an excellent weekly publication on our shelves. It is all the more interesting to us, since its editor is a former editor of The Picket.

The Pharos, Buckhannon, W. Va., gives us a real football number for November. It is football throughout, yet tiresome statistics are not so prominent. Some very clever and well written articles are found; "Forty-seven to nothing" is especially clever.



Locals and Personals



G. L. Lohm, one of our former students, visited friends in town.

Mark, (reading "As You Like It,") "He had a porch on his side."

Miss G.—"Miss W. is going home on the Baltimore American." (B. and O. railroad.)

Mr. D. (translating Virgil)—"The wooden horse of Troy was covered with fur."

Mr. R. (in Latin, talking of feminine pronouns)—"I got some females mixed up with them last night and had a terrible time."

Miss T. (in Zoology)—"Mr. McD., tell the characteristics of mammalias."

Mr. McD.—“They have two pair of legs.”

Mr. H. (telling a story)—“He gave his wife a piece of pink paper and she kissed him and he kissed her back.”

Prof. M. (giving advice in Chapel)—“All the girls should take a great interest in the Y. M. C. A.”

Mr. C. (translating Caesar)—“The horsemen rode on horses and beside them were foot-soldiers clinging to the manes of the horses.”

Miss S.—“Did you ever try it?”

Mr. C.—“Yes, once out on the farm I clung to the horns of a steer.”

Bright Senior, bragging on his own muscle, grabbed Mr. L. by the shoulder and said: “Gee! Your muscle is as hard as bone.”

Prof. D. (in Orthography)—“Remove your teeth and then try to make those sounds.”

Professor Kimler, a former principal of Shepherd College, visited us several days ago. He gave a very interesting talk in Chapel one morning.

Have you seen the Senior rings and class-pins?

Prof. K.—“Who paints?”

Mr. M.—“I think Miss T. paints.”

Miss T.—“No, I don't. That came from driving to Charles Town in the hot sun.”

Mr. K. (speaking to Mr. G.)—“Where did you get that book? Out of the vocabulary?” (Library)

Prof. M.—“Mr. C., if there were sixteen rattlesnakes along the road would you see them?”

Mr. C.—“I might see them, but I wouldn't stop to count them.”

Mr. D. (speaking of a murder)—“Did he shoot the man in self-defence?”

Mr. L.—“No, he shot him going over the fence.”

Prof. M. (in Psychology)—“What is the difference between a sad pig and one that is glad?”

Mr. P.—“A sad pig has a straight tail, and a glad one has a curled tail.”

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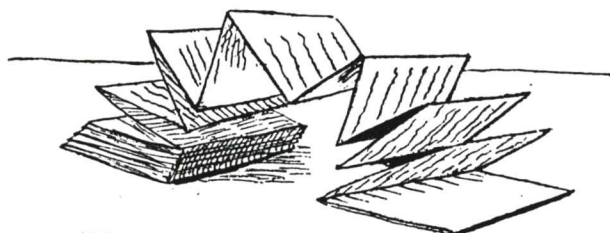
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Why We Should Feel Proud of West Virginia

By Howard Phillips, '13

THE State of West Virginia has often been called "Little Mountain State," as well as "The Switzerland of America." In regard to West Virginia's location some one has said that she is the most western of the Eastern States, the most eastern of the Western States, the most southern of the Northern States, and the most northern of the Southern States.

Draw a circle with a radius of 255 miles with West Virginia as centre, and within this circle you have located the capitol of the greatest republic of all time and a dozen of the world's greatest cities. In initiative men, with their institutions, arts and industries this area is without a parallel in the whole world. This location is strategic and incomparable for the purpose of trade and commerce. Could the American continent or any other continent provide a more cosmopolitan setting for a great State?

West Virginia is a land of flowing streams, with four great rivers—Big Sandy, Great Kanawha, Little Kanawha, and Monongahela, all under the care and supervision of the national government. These rivers flow to the Ohio, which washes the western boundary of the State for three hundred miles and then glides on to the great Mississippi. This sequence of rivers is unrivaled among the navigable waterways of the earth. Instead of now calling West Virginia the "Little Mountain State" or the "Switzerland of America," though that would be no disgrace, for the people of all America would do well to pattern after Switzerland in many respects, they are now recognizing her as one of the most important States of the United States of America.

When we climb to the top of one of West Virginia's high mountains and from this point of view look out over the broad expanse of ravines, plains, gulleys and mountains—the level stretches of land yielding up the richness of the soil to the sturdy

farmer who applies modern and scientific methods of cultivation, and the mountains covered over with the many varieties of trees and shrubbery which only West Virginia with her varied climate can support, cannot help but feel his heart humming the words:

“On thee, West Virginia, great bounties were poured,
The earth's richest treasures within thee were stored.”

West Virginia has the greatest variety of climate of any State in the Union. The elevation ranges from 4,860 feet above sea level at Spruce Knob to 260 feet at Harpers Ferry. The temperature ranges from 107 degrees in summer to 35 degrees below zero in winter. From this we can see that West Virginia has a climate suitable for the existence of a great diversity of life.

Great as are the commercial products above the soil they are not to be compared with the commercial value of the products which are found beneath the soil. We are especially favored with rich veins of coal, vast quantities of gas, and immeasurable pockets of petroleum. Not only are these products found in rich abundance but many minor ones—minor as compared with the larger ones, but yet great in their importance as related to man's needs. There are great beds of sand for making glass, banks of clay for the manufacture of pottery, lime and cement in great quantities, and great mountains of iron ore. So it can be readily seen that we have just claim for saying that West Virginia is one of the greatest States of this American Union.

West Virginia's factories are among the largest in the world. Manufacturing in West Virginia has a great and brilliant future. She possesses a greater amount of available water-power than any other State, and in fact than any other section of country her size, except Switzerland. Already she can boast of the largest axe factory, the largest glass factory, largest works for making pottery, greatest lime works, and the greatest lamp black manufactory in the world. The tanneries and pulp mills, her iron and steel mills are also of the first rank. She also leads in the production of hardwoods, gas and petroleum.

Proud as the United States should be and is of West Virginia and her many resources, her peculiar situation, climate, industries and all that goes to make up a great State, they should be still more proud of her citizens. People who have never flinched in time of danger, but who have always been found in that part of

the fray where the fight was thickest. And on November, 1912, her loyal citizens went to the polls and by their ballots killed, so far as West Virginia is concerned, the greatest enemy of mankind today—the saloon—and set an example that all States in all countries would do well to follow

In the war for Independence, from her scant population, she sent her sons to keep back the foot of the invader and to strike for freedom. It is told of one mother in West Virginia that, as she bade her three sons "good-bye" as they started forward to serve their country, she said with the spirit of the Spartan mother of history: "Go, my sons, and keep back the foot of the invader or see my face no more." When Washington was told of this he said: "Leave me but a banner to plant upon the hills of West Virginia and I will gather 'round me the men who will lift our bleeding country from the dust and set her free."

When again in 1812 the call came ringing over the mountains for volunteers, West Virginia sent her warriors forward not by tens, but by hundreds; not by squads, but by companies. And what she gave she gave freely in direct contrast to many of the other States, especially those of New England.

Let those sons and daughters of West Virginia who have been looking upon the greatness of other States of the Union and who may have had some misgivings about the greatness of their mother State take into consideration the fact, for it is a fact, that West Virginia is the greatest blue grass State; has within its confines the largest peach orchard in the world; some of the largest apple orchards in the world; the most beautiful scenery; the greatest diversity of desirable climate; lowest average tax rate of forty-six States; leads in production of hardwoods, oil and gas; supports many of the largest manufactures, and, better than all of these, is inhabited by a people whose characters are above reproach, whose strength of manhood is unrivaled, and whose hearts are always beating for freedom, for their motto is: "*Montani Semper Liberi.*" (Mountaineers are always free.)

Let them but consider these things and they will feel proud of the State that gave them birth. That some son or daughter will soon find himself speaking of his native State in terms of highest praise, and, though he may feel proud that he is an American, he will feel prouder still of the fact that he is a West Virginian.

No difference whether we are at home or abroad, in dear West

Virginia or in Darkest Africa, our sentiments can never be expressed more clearly than in the following beautiful lines:

"Dear land of the laurel! Dear land of the pine!
O, fair West Virginia! My heart's ever thine.
My heart's ever thine! On the mountain, in glen;
O land of fair women! O land of brave men!"



YESTERDAY AND TODAY

By Martha White, '13

THE first inhabitants of West Virginia were as hardy a race as ever existed. They were all heroes—men who knew when they came that it was to do or die. When we look at our magnificent dwelling-houses today we never think how the early pioneer came from the East into our Mountain State, cut down trees, made the logs the proper length, and built their homes. One end of the house was left open for a fire-place, and a huge chimney of clay and sticks was erected. These houses were very rude indeed, but in them many of the men who have made West Virginia what it is today were born.

We look at our gas and electric lights and forget that our grandfathers lighted their houses by pine knots of the fat pitch pine. Wax candles were made from the wax that the good housewife got from the honeycomb. But these were hard to make and kept only for company. The tinder-box was the chief method of making sparks, and Charles Dickens said: "If you have good luck you can get a light in half an hour." Fifty years has seen the step from the tinder-box, used so patiently for centuries, to the John Lex Long match factory of our time, which turns out seventeen million matches in one day.

We listen with interest today as our grandmothers tell how thrift and diversion were combined in such gatherings as the Bean Stringing, the Apple Cuttings and the Quilting Bees, which always ended in a merry social way. When the lads and lassies, to the tunes of "Money Musk," "Fisher's Hornpipe," and the "Irish Washer Woman," indulged in the graceful steps of the "Virginia Reel, and joined with zest in "Old Dusty Miller," and "Skip to my Lou."

Perhaps no greater difference exists between any custom of

the olden times and a corresponding one of ours than the mode of serving meals. A long unplanned board, about three feet wide, served as a table. The linen board cloth was spun by the housewife herself. They had plenty of napkins, but forks were scarce. In place of our silver and china dishes they had pewter and wooden.

If you had told the industrious housewife, fifty years ago, as she suspended the iron pot from the crane in the chimney, that some day she might put her meat in a fireless cooker and go calmly to church she would have pronounced you ready for the mad house. The hard-handed housewife who worked five days out of every week scrubbing, cleaning and sanding her house would have become insane trying to comprehend a vacuum cleaner that could be fastened to an electric light and in a few hours would make her house immaculately clean.

The farmer as he sat in the lumbering carriage—which could only be afforded by the wealthy—and smoked his pipe would have shuddered at the mention of a "horseless carriage," and at the mere suggestion of an airship would have fainted away. Twentieth century girls, who wear their silks and dainty lingerie, wriggle when they think of the coarse, scratchy homespun clothing that their grandmothers had to wear; and their feet ache when they think of the heavy shoes their fathers would have made for them, if they had lived fifty years ago.

"A great field of tall Indian corn waving its stately and luxuriant green blades, its graceful spindles, and glossy silk under the hot August sun should be not only a beautiful sight to every West Virginian, but a suggestive one, one to set us thinking of all that Indian corn means to us in our history."

Corn was a luxury with the Indians and not only to them but to our early West Virginians. And the virtues of "Johnny cake" and "hasty pudding" are still being sung. The husking bees were the most enjoyable of all the sports. And many a blushing lassie has paid the penalty for finding a red ear.

Last but not least of the semi-social institutions was the sugar camps. How the boys hailed with delight the sugar-making season. For them it meant camps out in the woods with nothing to break the quiet through the long moonlight nights but the drip, drip of the sugar water. The newly fallen snow would often cover the fields while they were in camps. It must have been nights

like these that inspired Lowell when he wrote:

"God makes sech nights, so white and still,
Far'z you can look and listen.
Moonlight and snow, on field and hill,
All silent and all glisten."



West Virginia Poets and Song Writers

By Edna Buntten, '13

ALTHOUGH West Virginia cannot boast of having been the birthplace of any of the great poets, she has produced a number of minor poets of whose work she may be justly proud. People of other States often make the mistake of thinking that the mountaineers of West Virginia are incapable even of appreciating the beautiful things written by others, much less of having thoughts worth recording of their own.

This is not true. Long before West Virginia had become a State very creditable work had been done by citizens of the territory now included within her borders.

One of the earliest poems on record is "The Deserted Isle," written in 1823 by Mrs. Harman Blennerhasset. The sweet, sad story of their misfortunes is expressed very eloquently by her in this poem.

Perhaps the most remarkable epic poem of the early Ohio valley literature is "Snowy Daughter," by Thomas J. Lees, of Wheeling, in which Wheeling Island holds a prominent place. Another Wheeling poet is William Leighton, known as the "Poet Manufacturer of Wheeling." He was long interested in the industrial enterprises of that city, but also wrote a number of poems, among which was one read at the dedication of the soidiers' monument at Wheeling in 1833, called "The Price of the Present Paid by the Past."

Jefferson County has been well represented. Among her best known poets are Daniel Beddinger Lucas, a man who has long been prominent in the State, and who was at one time Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and Mrs. Danske Dandridge, of Shepherdstown. Her "Joy and Other Poems" and "Rosebrake" have been widely read and have won for their author many compliments.

Among the Martinsburg poets we might mention William Pendleton Cook, whose poem, "Florence Vane," has been translated into twenty or more languages.

It is interesting to note that Miss Emma Withers, of Glenville, a grand-daughter of the distinguished author of "Chronicles of Border Warfare," has written a very creditable book of poems called "Wildwood Chimes."

A number of our best poets are from Morgantown. Among these are Howard Llewellyn Swisher, author of "Brier Blossoms;" John G. Gittings, whose interesting "West Virginia Lyrics" are written in memory of the olden time in western Virginia; Francis Moore Bland, whose plaintive "Twilight Reveries" are expressed in exceptionally chaste language; Edward B. Kenna, who adds to the State's literature his "Lyrics of the Hills;" and last but not least, Waitman Barbe, who is one of the foremost West Virginia authors of today.

Those of us who read his "Famous Poems Explained," feel that in making clear the obscure meaning, in giving us new thoughts about old poems, Dr. Barbe really creates them anew for us; but, in addition to this, he goes a step farther and actually does create some poems which are declared by critics to possess high literary merit. In his "Song of a Century," read at the Morgantown Centennial Celebration in 1885, he compares the flight of time to the flow of the Monongahela in a very delightful way; but "Ashes and Incense," for which he is justly renowned, contains many bits of pleasing and uplifting verse.

West Virginia song writers are not numerous, and it is a little peculiar that almost all songs by West Virginia authors are written to express appreciation of their own loved State. We have two songs entitled "The West Virginia Hills"; one by Mrs. Ellen King, with music by H. E. Engle, and another with both words and music by the former President of the West Virginia University, Dr. D. B. Purinton. Robert L. Pemberton's "West Virginia," sung to the tune of "Sweet Afton," shows a worthy spirit of patriotism. At present we are also very much interested in "The Hymn to West Virginia," by Mr. Edwards, who was so recently honored by Wesleyan College with their highest literary degree. Perhaps few of us knew that the lovesong, "Ben Bolt," was written by the West Virginian, Thomas Dunn English, of Logan.

county, who also wrote a number of poems regarding that section of the State.

Let us not make the mistake of thinking that only the poems of other States are worth our notice, but rather let us examine those by our own authors, and on thorough examination, we will give them the praise they so richly deserve.



Early Settlers in What is Now West Virginia

By E. P., '13

LESS than two hundred and fifty years ago, the present State of West Virginia was an unexplored wilderness. No one had dared to face the dangers and hardships that must accompany even an explorer in this region. Cut off from Eastern Virginia by a chain of lofty mountains, and claimed by a fierce and war-like people, this country seemed likely to remain undeveloped for many years to come.

Notwithstanding these barriers, brave men did find their way through the trackless forests. In 1669, as John Lederer stood upon a lofty peak and looked into what are now the counties of Berkeley and Morgan, it is improbable that he thought of this wild region as ever becoming the home of civilized man.

However, Indians and mountains could not form a barricade against the westward movement. The frontiersmen kept pushing onward until our present State became dotted with cabins. These pioneers came mainly from the adjoining colonies, where they had become inured to the hardships they must endure. At any minute they might be attacked by the Indians. When a pioneer left his home in the morning, he might return at nightfall to find the mutilated bodies of his family and the ashes of his cabin.

Another foe that these settlers had to conquer was the wilderness. On every side grew giant forest trees. These had to be cleared away before food and flax could be grown. This was a time of independent economy. The necessities of life must be produced by each family through its own efforts, and as for luxuries, there were none to be had.

This was the kind of life that Morgan Morgan took up when he moved into what is now Berkeley county in 1727. It was the

same round of dangers and toil that the German settlers assumed when they crossed "Old Pack Horse Ford" in the same year and founded New Mecklenberg—now Shepherdstown—the oldest town in West Virginia.

A little later, Lord Fairfax sent George Washington to survey his land grant and divide it into quantities to suit the purchasers. This gave farms to many settlers, and from this time on the Eastern Panhandle grew rapidly. This once trackless forest has been converted into a region famous for its great orchards and productive farms.

Many of the first settlements were destroyed by the Indians. This was the fate of Thomas Decker and his friends who attempted to build homes at the mouth of Decker's Creek. The savages soon murdered the settlers and burned their cabins. A few years later, however, Zackwell Morgan succeeded in making a permanent settlement on this site, now known as Morgantown, one of the most beautiful and prosperous towns in the Monongahela Valley. It is the seat of West Virginia University, and because of the high degree of culture and learning among its inhabitants it is often spoken of as the "Athens of West Virginia."

Farther westward, on the banks of the Ohio, Ebenezer Zaue, with his brothers Jonathan and Silas, built a fort which served as a trading post and a place of refuge from the savages. Here the settlers from the surrounding farms could congregate when threatened by their foes. Today on the site of old Fort Henry stands Wheeling, a great manufacturing city and the metropolis of the State.

Many other pioneers, such as the Pringles, who first settled in Upshur county; John Simpson, the founder of Clarksburg; and Sewell and Marlin, the first white men in the Greenbrier Valley, might have pages written about their exploits. It is not necessary to repeat the story of each one of these heroes. Their hardships, labors, privations and dangers were much the same. These stout-hearted men and women are the ancestors of the West Virginians.

William Seymour Edwards said in his recent address at Wesleyan College that ninety per cent. of our present population are descended from the Revolutionary stock. We can say with truth that we know these pioneers, not for what the present State did for them, but what they did for West Virginia.

Early Schools in West Virginia

By O. L. Snyder, '13

IN looking up the beginning of any industry or enterprise in West Virginia, that had its beginning prior to 1863, it is necessary for us to know something of the history of Virginia. So with the early schools of West Virginia we find it necessary to look beyond the Blue Ridge for their beginning.

Before considering the beginning of education in West Virginia, we will first notice briefly the first settlements of white men within its borders. The Eastern Panhandle, comprising the counties of Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan, and the Valley of the South Branch, in which are Hampshire, Hardy and Pendleton counties. In West Virginia's pioneer days of alarm, of midnight burnings, of encounter of the rifle, of the tragedy of tomahawk and scalping knife; when the people were confined in frontier forts, block-houses and stockades, there was little time for education, for culture or refinement. Yet, strange as it may seem, the little log school house might be seen here and there in the delf recesses of the wilderness long before the revolution.

The earliest reference to a West Virginia schoolhouse, which I was able to ascertain, is said to be contained in an entry in the journal of George Washington, when in 1747 he was surveying lands for Lord Fairfax on the Upper Potomac and in the South Branch, Cacapon and Patterson Creek valleys. On the eighteenth of August of that year, he surveyed a tract by beginning at a station in "the school house old field." But no stream or other object is mentioned by which this location can be determined. However, it is believed to be far up the South Branch valley, at what is known as the "Indian old fields" in Hardy county.

The first definite record we have regarding a school in the South Branch valley is that a man by the name of Shrock began teaching in a cabin at Romney, the county seat of Hampshire county, in 1753—one hundred and fifty-nine years ago—and continued for several terms, then went, none knew whither.

The parish schools, so common in Virginia east of the Blue Ridge and in the upper Shenandoah valley, were almost unknown in what is now West Virginia. Old Frederick Parish included the early West Virginia settlements in what are now Hampshire, Hardy, Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson counties, and as these

were formed, other parishes were created, but there is little evidence of the existence of parish schools therein.

In June, 1776, Virginia adopted a Constitution—the first framed for an American State—and there was not the slightest reference, even that of a word, relating to education. Notwithstanding the lack of constitutional authority, the General Assembly on December 26, 1796, enacted the first Virginia school law that in any way affected West Virginia. This act was called the "Aldermanic School Law," and it contained a preamble as follows: "Whereas it appeareth that the great advantages which civilized and polished nations appear to enjoy beyond the savage and barbarous nations of the world are principally derived from the invention and use of letters, by means whereof the knowledge and experience of past days are recorded and transmitted, so that man availing himself in succession of the accumulated wisdom and discoveries of predecessors, is enabled more successfully to pursue and improve not only those acts which contribute to the support, convenience, and ornaments of life, but to those also which tend to illumine and ennoble his understanding and his nature."

Further, that "if the minds of the citizens be not rendered liberal and humane, and be not fully impressed with the importance of the principles from which these blessings proceed, there can be no real stability or lasting permanency of the liberty, justice and order of a Republican government."

Therefore, with a view to laying the first foundation of a system of education which should tend to produce the desirable results mentioned in the preamble, it was provided in this act that in each county of the State the people should annually elect "three of their most honest and able men" to be called aldermen of the county. It was the duty of these aldermen to divide the county into sections, regulating the size of these, so that each should contain children enough to make up a school. It then became the duty of the residents within the district to choose a suitable location for a school house, the same to be built and kept in repair under the direction of the aldermen.

When the house was ready for occupancy it was the duty of the aldermen to select a teacher for the school and have supervision over his conduct and everything relative to the school, in which the law declared "There shall be taught reading, writing and arithmetic, and all free children resident within the respective sections

shall be entitled to receive tuition free for the term of three years and as much longer at private expense as their parents or guardians shall think proper."

Such was the beginning, imperfect as it may seem, of our present free school system.

These common primary schools as they existed under the law of 1796 and under that of 1846 as well, came to be known as "old field schools" from the location of the school house. The structure, a rude affair it was, possibly sixteen by eighteen feet in size, presented an uninviting appearance. The walls were built of logs, the interstices chinked with sticks and stones and daubed with clay; the roof was made of clap-boards, while the door, which was made of slabs, was hung on wooden hinges. The heating apparatus was a fire-place that spanned over half of one end of the building, surmounted by a "cat and clay" chimney. For seats they had logs split in halves with pins inserted in the oval sides which served for legs. Along the side of the wall pins were inserted and on these rested a broad slab which served for a writing desk. Just above this a log was chopped out and in its place was a lot of framework resembling sash for holding a single row of panes of glass, in the absence of which greased paper was used to admit the light.

In just such a structure as that described above was taught the "old field school" of long ago. In these schools many of our prominent men, both past and present, whose names have gone down upon the meffaceable pages of history, received their early, and some their only, training.

While we have a thorough and efficient free school system today, still we must not forget that there were many hardships to bear and many obstacles to overcome in bringing it about. The first attempt at establishing free schools was opposed by a certain class of people, and this opposition led to the establishing of many private schools and academies and these, being scattered widely over the territory of what is now West Virginia, were the most important and most potent factors in the early educational work. The names and location of some of these academies were as follows: Academy at Shepherdstown, Jefferson county; Randolph Academy, in Harrison county; Charlestown Academy, in Jefferson county; Brooke Academy, in Brooke county; Lewisburg Academy,

in Greenbrier county; and Romney Academy, in Hampshire county.

With the rise of the new State came a free school system such as the school men within its limits longed to see, and about thirty-five years ago Alexander L. Wade conceived the idea of applying a system. As he looked over the country schools he was distressed at the existing conditions. One evening after he had visited several schools, with which he was thoroughly disgusted, he noticed a high school diploma hanging on the wall. He began to think and ponder over what seemed to be a small subject. But in a few days he had it all thought out, and that was the whole system of graduation in the country schools as it now exists in one form or another throughout the State. Soon the news of his great work for public education spread to other States, and a Philadelphia teacher wrote: "It remained for the latter half of the nineteenth century to originate, develop and mature such a free school system as would challenge the admiration of the nations of the earth. We hail with satisfaction an appliance of this kind, coming as it does from a live teacher and exhibiting the results of practical experience in the school room."

That is the West Virginia we are proud of. Not merely because she has in the fifty short years of her existence worked out an educational system that a nation might envy, but because she has been equally successful in the other great things that she has attempted.



West Virginia Prose Writers

By Luther Flynn, '13

NEARLY all West Virginians know a great deal about the development of natural resources, the great manufacturing establishments and other great industries of the State. Most of the citizens know something also of the great men, especially of warriors and statesmen. There are many people, however, who are not acquainted with West Virginia literature and West Virginia authors. Though West Virginia as a State is comparatively young, she has produced many authors and much literature of various kinds. Even before West Virginia became a State, the territory now within her borders had produced authors of note.

The first literary work performed in what is now the State of West Virginia was by James Rumsey at Shepherdstown, in the year 1788. This work was entitled "A Short Treatise on the Application of Steam, Whereby is Clearly Shown from Actual Experiment that Steam May be Applied to Propel Boats or Vessels of Any Burthen Against Rapid Currents."

The first book printed in this territory was written by R. Watson at Shepherdstown, in 1797, and was entitled "Christian Panoply; Containing an Apology for the Bible in a Series of Letters Addressed to Thomas Payne." This book soon attracted attention, and has been read in many parts of the world.

One of the most valuable works relating to the history of West Virginia was that known as 'Chronicles of Border Warfare' written by Alexander Withers in 1831.

John Stuart, a renowned pioneer of the Greenbrier Valley, wrote a work entitled "Memoirs of Indian Wars and Other Occurrences." Mr. Stuart commanded a company at Point Pleasant, and was for many years clerk of the court of Greenbrier county. His memoirs are very valuable to a knowledge of the State.

"The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln; a History of the Great Conspiracy," was written by Thomas H. Harris, who was a native of Wood county, but was living in Ritchie county at the time of his writing. He was a brigadier general in the Civil War.

Much has been written on the early history of the State. Hu Maxwell's "History of Tucker County" treats in detail of the early history of the Cheat River Valley. Mr. Maxwell has also written a "History of West Virginia," "Idyls of the Golden Shore" and other books, among them several county histories.

Virgil A. Lewis, who is known throughout the State and in many other States, wrote quite extensively. Among his best works are a "General History of West Virginia," "History of the United States," "The Story of Jamestown," and a "Story of the Louisiana Purchase."

Probably the best county history in the State is one written by Gibson L. Cranmer in 1902. It is entitled, "History of Wheeling and Ohio County." The writer was secretary of the first Wheeling Convention, and also clerk of the Legislature under the restored government of Virginia.

A great amount of biographical literature has been written by West Virginians. Perhaps one of the best of these productions is

the "Life of Philip Doddridge," written by Waitman T. Willey of Morgantown. Mr. Willey participated in the formation of West Virginia into a State, and was its first United States Senator. His book not only gives the life of Philip Doddridge but deals with the political history of West Virginia as well.

John P. Hale, of Charleston, wrote a book concerning Daniel Boone's stay in the Kanawha Valley. This book contains much information concerning Boone which is not found in any other writings.

West Virginia has also produced a number of noted scientists. One of the greatest of these was William H. Edwards, who lived in Kanawha county. His work, "Butterflies of North America," won praise from Agassiz, Darwin and many other eminent scientists. The price of the two volumes was \$138.00.

Another scientific work was "The Cryptogamous Origin of Malorious and Epidemic Fevers," written by John H. Mitchell, who was born and reared in Shepherdstown. He was educated in Ayr, Scotland, and studied two years in Rome. He was an eminent physician.

The first text book prepared by a native of West Virginia was prepared by William R. White, the first State Superintendent of Free Schools in West Virginia. It was entitled, "The Alphabet Made Easy."

Alexander Campbell wrote about fifty-two volumes which were mostly religious works. He did all his writing at Bethany, in Brooke county, and there he founded Bethany College in 1841.

A large amount of fiction has also been produced. "In the Virginias" by Waitman Barbe, "Daughter of the Elm" by Granville Davisson Hall, "Dwellers in the Hills" by M. D. Post, "The Land of the Laurel" by O. F. Morton, and "Nehe" by Mrs. Anna Pierpont Siviter, daughter of Governor Francis H. Pierpont are among the best known and most popular of these works.

One of the most widely known literary men in the United States was David H. Strother. He was born in Martinsburg in 1816, and died in Charlestown in 1888. One of his early teachers was Samuel F. B. Morse. He served seven years as Consul General to Mexico. His best literary production was "The Virginia Canaan."

One of the most prominent West Virginia authors of the present day is William Seymour Edwards, a resident of Kanawha county.

He has been a writer of books and magazine articles for several years. "Into the Yukon," "On the Mexican Highlands," and "A Bachelors Travels Abroad" are among his best works. Recently his work, "Into the Yukon," was one of the ten notable books posted in the great Carnegie Library in New York City as the ten most popular books of the year.

Some native West Virginia authors have made their homes in other States. One of these is F. V. N. Painter, of Salem, Virginia, who was a native of Hampshire county. Among his works are found a "History of Education," "Introduction to American Literature," "Introduction to English Literature," "The Reformation Dawn," "Poets of Virginia," and "An Ancient History."

"My Garden From Day to Day," "American Prisoners of the Revolution," and "Historic Shepherdstown" are books of value and merit written by Mrs. Danske Dandridge, of Shepherdstown.

Ex-Governor George W. Atkinson has written much of interest. Among his works are a history of "Kanawha County," "Revenue Digest," "After the Moonshiners," "Psychology Simplified," and "Prominent Men of West Virginia." Mr. Atkinson is a native of Kanawha county, and has been in public service for several years. He was a member of the fifty-first Congress, was four years United States District Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, and is now judge of the United States Court of Claims.

Robert A. Armstrong, who is now head of the English department at the West Virginia University, has also written quite extensively. His works, some of which are "Life Out of Death," "The Law of Service," and Historical and Literary Outlines of the Bible," are mostly of a religious character.

"Christian Theism; Its Claims and Sanctions," written by Daniel B. Purinton, Ex-President of the West Virginia University, is a book which has attracted much attention.

These are a few of the many authors and writers of whom West Virginia can boast.

From the time that white settlers came west of the Alleghany mountains and made homes for themselves in this section of the country, to the present time West Virginians have been writing on various subjects and have made a literature of which West Virginia can truly boast.

Men Prominent in the Formation of the State

By L. S. Chorpenning

ALTHOUGH West Virginia was the thirty-fifth State to enter the Union, she is by no means thirty-fifth in point of progress and standing with the other States. We can rightly place her among those States in the front rank. We are justly proud of her, and more proud of the men that made her existence possible, and started her upon that era of progress—the progress that has never halted during her fifty years of existence.

We feel a thrill of patriotism, and a renewed feeling of loyalty to our little mountain State, when we read of what those men (Champions of the West, as they were called at the time) did for us. We are filled with awe when we realize against what odds they battled and came out victors. Even the mention of the names of such men as Doddridge and Willey, calls to our minds a picture of the existing conditions of more than fifty years ago.

We recall the injustices done to what is now West Virginia in the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829. The words of Judge Seigh, the leader of the aristocracy on the floor of that convention, still ring in our ears. We find it hard to forgive him for calling us the "peasantry of the West," and, because our forefathers worked for an honest living, he compared them with the slaves of the East. He was called "The chivalrous and accomplished champion of the eastern aristocracy". But he was met by Phillip Doddridge, a new knight that came out of the West, and with his lance of argument, tipped with a point of the keenest logic, overthrew the theories of the mighty champions of the East, and reminded them of the many injustices they were doing the West. Randolph, Tazewell, Upshur and Green could not measure lances with him in argument, but they could outvote him, and they did it.

Again, we see, in the General Assembly, to decide whether Virginia would secede or not, Waitman T. Willey, employing his matchless eloquence in opposition to secession. General John J. Jackson, cousin of Stonewall Jackson, urged the convention to "pause on the brink of the abyss before taking the leap." Among other aggressive leaders on this side, may be noted, George W. Summers, of Kanawha, Chester D. Hubbard, of Ohio, and James C. McGrew, of Preston. They were all heroes who fought for the

Union and for West Virginia. Although they were heroes and engaged in the most spirited debates known to modern times they could not defeat the fatal god of the Virginian, State pride. They were defeated in this convention, but their efforts bore abundant fruit later.

In the different meetings, and Conventions held at Wheeling, to decide the momentous questions that confronted the people west of the mountains at that time we see some of the moving spirits, Willey, impetuous Carlisle, Arthur I. Boreman, who later became the first governor of the State, and George L. Cramner. These and many others of almost equal prominence, used such sound judgment and sense, and employed such matchless diplomacy in the difficult task of reorganizing the old State and in forming a new one, that we shall always look upon them as we look upon Washington, Adams and other men prominent in the Revolution. We have a fair comparison when we compare our conflict with that of the Revolution. As England forced the colonies to separate from her, so Western Virginia, through the many injustices done her, was forced to sever the ties that bound her to the mother State. We should feel as proud of the men that championed our cause as of the men that championed the cause of the colonies in the Revolution.

Other men of West Virginia that we praise and honor are Francis H. Pierpont, the first governor of the reorganized government of Virginia, and his staff. We honor the memory of Pierpont by his statue in Washington, among the statues of the great men from all over the United States.

We appreciate the efforts and struggles of our Congressmen, Carlisle, Willey, Senators William G. Brown, of Preston, father of present Congressman Brown, Jacob B. Blair, of Wood, and Kellian V. Whaley, of Kanawha, as representatives. Had it not been for the labors of these able men Congress would have never admitted West Virginia into the Union. Lucian A. Hagans, of Preston, Samuel Crane, of Randolph, and Campbell Tarr, of Brooke, used their executive ability to pave a road for our infant State to travel.

President Lincoln is quoted as having said that he was greatly influenced in signing the bill for admission, by a telegram dictated by Governor Pierpont and sent by Archie W. Campbell, editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer.

We know that it was a trying time for all these, and many other of our heroes. We shall always remember them and honor their memory as we honor Washington, Jefferson and the heroes of the Revolution.

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A FEW days before December 10, 1912, Prof. Miller asked that we have a West Virginia Day program, to be given at the chapel period. After the program was rendered, it was suggested by one of the teachers that this material be published in The Picket. We acted on this suggestion; hence the title of this issue.

Owing to the shortness of time for preparation, these articles are not so interesting or complete as they otherwise would have been. We hope, however, that this information concerning our state is worth reading and preserving.



SOME weeks ago the students and people of the town were considerably alarmed because of the breaking out of small-pox in some nearby towns, and because of the report that the disease was in our own town. The report proved to be false. Hoping to keep on the safe side, a large number were vaccinated. This made it necessary that some arms be "handled with extreme care." However, we are all nearly well again, and happy in the thought

that we are immune, for several years, from this troublesome disease.



WE are sorry to note that Mr. O. G. Webley developed a case of measles, which left his eyes in such a weakened condition that he was compelled to discontinue his study and go to his home. We are hoping for Mr. Webley's return in the spring.



WE are having a remarkable winter in this valley. Not more than once has the mercury dropped to zero, and that time it remained there less than an hour. The next lowest is ten degrees above zero. Indeed, we are sometimes hardly aware that we are having winter at all. Especially when we hear the familiar chirp of the robin or the modest warble of the bluebird.

Whether or not these birds stayed with us all winter, we are not prepared to say. But since they were seen and heard nearly a month ago, we are inclined to think that such is the case. Certain it is, that no other part of the State is better adapted to protect such birds, since we have an abundance of cedars whose branches are so closely matted together that the wind can scarcely penetrate them.



JUDGING from our health record, we have no hesitancy in saying that this is a most healthful section. There has been but one case of typhoid among the students since 1910.



THE Picket takes pleasure in giving its readers on another page the stirring song poem, "The Hymn of the West Virginians" by William Seymour Edwards, of Charleston, whose stand in connection with the recent bribery scandal in our State legislature has given him nation-wide fame.

The music, which is quite as inspiring as the words, is the first composition given to the public by Mr. W. S. Mason, a gifted musician, also a Kanawhan.

As an additional pleasure to our readers, we present a cut of Mr. Edwards, so that as you read the lines, you may also catch a glimpse of the personality back of them.

SHEPHERD College was highly honored on the evening of February 7, by the presence of two representatives from the Music Department of the West Virginia University. Miss Margaret Horne sustained her high reputation as a violinist of international character, while Prof. Wertime demonstrated his ability as a pianist of the highest order. The recital was enjoyed by a highly appreciative audience, and it is hoped that these artists will soon again visit Shepherdstown.

The following program was rendered:

Sonata c minor, 1st movement..... Grieg
Miss Horne, Mr. Wertime

a Prelude, c sharp minor..... Rachmaninoff
b Valse. a la bien aimee..... Schuett
c Nocturne, op. 37, No. 2..... Chopin
d Etude c minor... .. Rubinstein
Mr. Wertime

Violin solo { a Larghetto..... Nardini
 b Allegretto.....
Miss Horne

Rhapsodie No. 12..... Liszt
Mr. Wertime

Violin solo { a Souvenir..... Drdla
 b Romance..... Ambrosio
 c Dance of the Elves... .. Popper
Miss Horne

Canzonetta con variations / Schuest
Rondo a la russe {
Miss Horne, Mr. Wertime

Miss Horne, and Prof. Wertime were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Beltzhoover while in town.



ALUMNI NOTES

Dwight McQuilkin, '01, and his wife and little son, of Roanoke, spent a part of the Christmas vacation visiting relatives in Shepherdstown.

Nellie Ropp Staley, '10, daughter of Mr. James P. Staley, and Mr. William Alvin Tabler were married Thursday, December twenty-ninth. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. C. F. Freeman of the Reformed church of Shepherdstown.

E. L. Magruder, '10, who graduated in law at the University of Valparaiso last June, has returned to his alma mater to take work to further prepare him for his chosen profession. Mr. Magruder was recently chosen vice-president of the Southern Society of Valparaiso.

George M. Knott, '75, has returned from Morgantown where he took a special course in agriculture in the University of West Virginia.

W. V. McNemar, '10, a student of the West Virginia University, and Helen Babb, '12, of Grant County, W. Va., were married recently at Oakland, Md.

Mary Armstrong, '12, has accepted a position in the Williamson public schools.

Mrs. Katie Sowers Billmyer, '95, and Mr. Albert Colbert were married December twenty-third at the home of Miss Coopsie Kepingler.

Among those who spent all or part of the holidays with relatives in Shepherdstown were Lucy Beltzhoover, '02, Katherine Beltzhoover, '11, W. Gillmore Neill, '99, Eugene Barnhart, '02, Edward Barnhart, '07, Carroll Billmyer, Horace Banks, '09, Mrs. L. M. Lynch (Louise Anna Snyder, '04,) Mary Pendleton, '05, William Himes, '11, J. Lester Miller, '05, Louise Rightstine, '09, Stuart Criswell, '12, and Taylor Bragonier, '08.

Franklin Lyne, '11, of the Jefferson Security Bank, was promoted to the position of teller, a few weeks ago.

The faculty and students of Shepherd College enjoyed very much a most excellent musical program rendered at Chapel, Friday, January seventeenth, by Elizabeth Banks Virginia White and Franklin Lyne, all of the class of nineteen eleven.

Don C. Dolly, '12, and O. W. Snarr, '12, spent a part of the holidays in Shepherdstown.

Elizabeth Banks, '12, is in Lexington visiting her brother who is a student at Washington and Lee. She will spend some time visiting in Washington and Baltimore before her return.

William Kearfott, '11, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Clyde Williams, of Dickinson College, spent the Christmas vacation with their parents in this vicinity.



Hymn of the West Virginians

O! Daughter of Freedom we hail the!
Fairest child of the land we adore!
Brought forth by a people in travail!
'Mids the terrors and tempests of war!
Thou art ever the pride of the nation!
The sign of the Lord in the sun!
Art Freedom's most precious creation!
The treasure a million lives won!

CHORUS

They are calling from the mountains!
They are calling from the plain!

West Virginia! West Virginia!
Hear the great refrain!
From Maine to San Francisco
O'er our blessed cloud kissed land!
West Virginia! West Virginia!
Rolls the echo grand!

O! Men who are bred to the mountains!
O! Women who dwell in the dales!
Ye've learned that from Liberty's fountains
'Tis justice that ever prevails!
Like thy fathers who watch'd on the border,
Defend the line of the West
From Indian and Gallic marauder,
Their sons! Ye are true to the test!

They perished with Braddock at Pittsburg!
They starving held grim Valley Forge;
With Washington conquered at Trenton!
At Yorktown, smote tyrant King George!
At New Orleans they shot straight with Jackson!
Buena Vista's great victory gain,
When Taylor broke fierce Santa Ana,
Revengeing the Alamo's slain!

And when the dark cloud of secession
Came creeping over the land;
When slavery's silent aggression,
From whisper turned into command,
Then instant, from mountain and valley
From mansion and cabin as one,
At the first call of Lincoln they rally,
And save what their fathers have won!

'Midst our mountains as free as the waters,
That flow neath the laurel and pine;
As free as the mighty winged eagle,
That soars o'er the summits sublime,
Thy sons and daughters stand ever
Exemplars, on land and on sea,
Of the watch words the breezes deliver
Mountaineers, they shall ever be free!

 LITERARY SOCIETIES
AND ASSOCIATIONS

P. L. S. NOTES

By Ethel Percy, '13

The Parthenian Literary Society has never been in a more flourishing condition than at present. Everyone shows a willingness to take his part, and in any work assigned him. This spirit of earnestness has given us full programs and well rendered selections.

The new corps of officers were sworn in and assumed their duties at the first meeting of this term. Cecil R. Gates, our new president, is doing everything possible to make the society bigger and better than it has ever been before.

Cosy Foltz and Elmer Grimm, '12, Masontown High School, have been elected to active membership in the P. L. S.

Each of the present classes has contributed a goodly number to the ranks of the P. L. S. Twenty-one seniors, from a class of thirty-six, are active workers in this society. Although this is a large number to go out at the end of the school year, their places will doubtless be taken by worthy successors. Fifteen juniors are also faithful workers. Fifteen sophomores and many freshmen are rendering good service.

Our members hold many positions in other school organizations. Many are as proficient in athletics as they are in literary work, thus showing that they believe in an all round education. Every member of the present boys' basket ball team is a P. L. S.

Earnest workers are always welcomed into our society

English Club Notes

The English Club held its first meeting for this term, on February 8. As February is the month in which our two greatest patriots, as well as our two greatest men, Washington and Lincoln were born, the evening was designated as Patriotic Evening, and the subject for the meeting was Patriotism.

The following program was rendered:

Oration—Patriotism as an Incentive—Luther Flynn.

Oration—Plea for Peace—L. S. Chorpennning.

Anecdotes of Lincoln—O. L. Snyder.

Peculiarities in the History of Washington—C. R. Gates.

Piano solo—Evelyn Billmyer.

Each production was well rendered, and showed that much thought and preparation had been given them.

Misses Ireland and Barnes were guests at this meeting, and both seemed well pleased with the work the club is doing.

At this meeting the following persons took the membership pledge and became members of the English Club. Laura Licklider, Margaret Davis, Marion Billmyer, Mabel Hill, Roy Bell, Franklin Clapham, A. S. DeHaven and H. W. Rollings.

This brings the present membership up to twenty-one, which is one more than the club has ever boasted of. This large membership will enable us to have a good program at every meeting, and still not burden any one member. In taking part in the program the student is benefitted both by preparing the production and by delivering it.

CLASS NOTES

SENIOR NOTES

With the beginning of the winter term, two new members came to our class, Miss Mabel Boyd, Rogersville, Tenn., and Mr. William Winn, of Sumter, S. C. We extend to these new members our heartiest welcome, and hope they will be much benefitted by their work at Shepherd College. Each has come to us from one of the most distinguished colleges of the South.

We are sorry to note that one of our Senior boys, Mr. Dickens, was recently called home on account of the death of his father. The Senior class expressed their sympathy by sending a floral offering of cream roses. Mr. O. L. Snyder and Mr. Hobbs, represented the class at the funeral.

Misses Rella Harper and Martha White, '13, were out of school several days recently on account of illness.

JUNIOR NOTES

At last the mid-term examinations are over and all are back in their places and hard at work.

We have one new member, Mr. Elmer Grimm, of the Mason-town High School, whom we are very glad to welcome into our class.

The class was reorganized and the following officers elected:

President—Floyd Mathias.

Vice-President—E. W. Dolly.

Secretary—Ruth Knott.

Treasurer—Helen Hunter.

Sergeant—Leonard Heighberger.

Reporter—Florence Hartley.

The Juniors of this year are expecting to put out a year book surpassing any published by the preceding classes. The Cohongoroota staff is made up of the following:

Editor-in-chief—V. L. Dyer.

Assistant Editors—Guy Thomson, Mary Williamson, Marguerite Billmyer.

Business Manager—Floyd Mathias.

Assistant Business Manager—E. W. Dolly.

Yap-a-laca, yapa-laca, yap-a-laca-lee,

Zip, boom, crack, who are we?

Give us way, we want full sway,

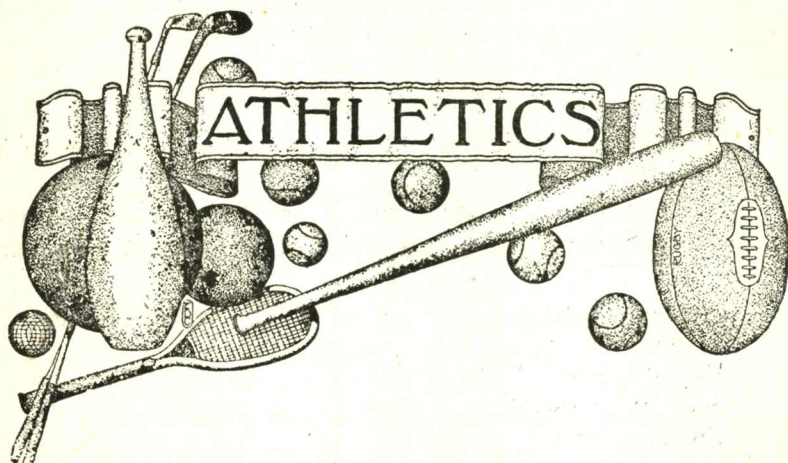
We are the Juniors of old S. C.

Pelopenesus boom, pelopenesus boom,

Give us room, plenty of room,

Pelopenesus, boom, boom,

Juniors! Juniors! Juniors!



At the beginning of the winter term the association held a meeting for election of officers. The election resulted as follows:

President—E. E. Hobbs.

Vice-President—Hammond Staley.

Secretary—Edith Dodd.

Treasurer—H. T. Phillips.

Reporter—Luther Flynn.

Sergeant—O. L. Snyder.

Two of our best basketball players of last year did not return, and we heard it rumored that the team this year would not be as good as last year, or, at least, it would be hard to fill the places of the two who did not return. We know that they were two of the best players we have ever had, but we have a team this year that is keeping up the standard of former years. The boys got together early in the season and determined to keep up the good record of former teams. They began practicing at once and soon selected the team. So far they have played eight games and have come out victorious in every instance. There will be another game Saturday night and we expect, as usual, a victory. The majority of these games have been played on the home floor, but from now on several games will be played away from home. The first of March the team expects to take a trip into Pennsylvania, where they will play at Chambersburg and Waynesboro. About the sixth of March they will take a trip through the central part of

West Virginia. On this trip they will play the Fairmont Normal, the Fairmont High School, West Virginia Wesleyan, and are expecting to get games at Keyser and Frostburg, Md. We are hoping that they will have a pleasant time and that they will bring back victories for Shepherd College.

The girls have organized a team and have been practicing, so we are expecting to see some very interesting games by their team, in the near future.

Shoes are being purchased for both first teams, and also a new basket ball. These will be of great advantage and will enable the players to do better work.

The students in general are taking more interest in gymnasium work this year than ever before. Through the efforts of our Principal, the gymnasium is being fitted up with some new and up-to-date apparatus. This will enable a greater number of students to take the exercise and thus develop their bodies as well as their minds.

EXCHANGE NOTES

The exchange editors had worked so long and hard trying to find something to commend or criticise, that at last they became thoroughly exhausted and fell asleep. The door of the Principal's office opened and, "The Rustler," came noisely in and asked if they had noticed its cover design. Then all at once the exchanges from every where began to appear. "The Beaver" climbed on the table and nervously said, "Please do not look at my arrangement, I did the best I could," then slid off into the swimming pool. The editors heard a commotion in the corner, and, looking around, saw two exchanges fighting—they were two tattlers—and after awhile, found that "The Tattler," from New Hampshire had knocked one "T" out of the "Tatler" from West Virginia.

The Tiger from Elkins brought a "Pine Cone" from Maine. He jumped on a chair and said, "You may notice how my printing is, but please do not speak unfavorably of my friend that I have

brought to you." The Tiltonian came proudly up and looked at itself in the "Mirror of the Lutheran Normal School," and, approving of its own appearance, walked away. The Pharos, standing near, turned up its nose and said, "Thou shalt not think that thou art 'it', or thou shalt find that thou art 'nit'."

The Clarion sounded a clear note of school life and spirit, and suggested that we have "Plain Talk," from Texas. Then came one known as "The Cliff Dwellers," from Spencer, West Virginia. The editors put it under an "X-Ray" from Mannington and found much good material, but that it had advertisements all through it. Still it made a good appearance for one having been hidden so long in the cliffs from the Dart(s) shot from Hinton.

St. Helen's Hall now took the central place. She sang of society and "girls will be girls" and asked us to notice her talent. The Gordonian, in the brightest of dress, stepped up and took her place, and was just about to sing of her merits when Lemon and Black rushed in in full dress. He did not dwell on ceremony, but,

"He kissed her on the cheek,
It seemed a harmless frolic,
He's been laid up for a week,
They say it's painters colic."

The Dickinsonian is an old friend of ours and appeared often-er than any other. Every once in a while it would come up with a few "Kasota Klippings," the editors never could tell from whence they came. The Orange and White came proudly up and the editors frankly admitted what an attractive paper it was, and declared the editorial, "Lest we forget," was one of the best that has come to The Picket desk.

The Pageant in all its splendor came in only long enough to let us know that it was going to meet The Antiochian, to get some advice on stories. A paper small in statue came all the way from Port Townsend, Washington, and when it went to greet the weary editors, all it could say was: "Wa-wa." The Rayen Record sang its many stories and told of news galore. The Comus came next with several really good stories, but it was blown away as the Alleghany Breezes wafted in. It remained mute for a while, but with the aid of a paper cutter, the editors loosened its tongue and soon found excellent work.

The Triakonta was next in line with its news from Baltimore.

The High School Review came/breathlessly in and reviewed all the jokes. The Frances Shiner Record recorded the proceedings of the meeting, neglecting not to criticise the editors for napping. Just then, The Signal came from Sistersville. The Anchor was lifted and the exchanges sailed away to their places on the shelves.

The editors awoke suddenly and then realized that the exchanges were not so dry after all as one is apt to think when called upon for exchange notes when he is not in the mood.



Mr. C. can't understand why a (spirit) thermometer rises.

Wanted: A red-headed guy for the Junior class.

Wanted: Three dozen tin rattlers to aid the Juniors in making a noise.

Professor Miller has left us for a few days.

Prof. M.—“How would you arrest a railroad company.”

Mr. C.—“Blow up the track.”

Mr. L.—“Mr. Douglas run against Lincoln for president.

Prof. M.—“I didn't know he was over a hundred years old.”

Prof. K. has a desperate time trying to rid himself of the Laboratory dish-pan, even trying to burst it by freezing water in it, when the thermometer stands 50 F.

Miss W.—“Miss I. does a sled turn up or down in front.”

Miss I.—“When I'm on it, it generally turns down.”

Miss W. (in English II)—“What kind of a war is an impious war?”

Miss B.—“War of Imps, I suppose.”

Prof. K.—“What kind of an animal is aquafortis?”

Mr. K.—“I don't know if it is an animal or insect.

Junior, (seeing an empty wagon going down the street at full speed and making a great racket)

“That reminds me of the Senior class.”

Senior—"Yes, but if it were standing still and the drivers were scrapping it would remind me of the Junior class."

Miss W. (on Monday morning)—"My face is sore this morning."

Miss R.—"What is the trouble?"

Miss W.—"Mr. B. was busy and didn't have time to shave yesterday."

Sergeant Alva L. Graham, Company H, Second United States Infantry, now stationed at Manila, is at present on detached service in the State of West Virginia. For the last few days Sergeant Graham has been drilling our cadet corps. We are under the obligations to the Adjutant General of the State, General C. D. Elliott, for sending him here. Sergeant Graham is every whit a soldier, and in gentlemanly bearing and moral and social qualities as well as in his military experience, a model for our young men.

Prof. Thomas C. Miller gave a lecture at Romney, Feb. 20, in behalf of the library movement. From there he went to Fairmont and attended the meeting of the Sons of Revolution. The latter part of this month—February—he will attend the meeting of the N. E. A., at Philadelphia.

Misses Ada and Pearl Shickle spent the week end at a house party with Miss Caroline Boyd, of Charles Town.

Mr. D. (In Miss Ireland's room, thinking there is to be an examination in training that day)—"Miss Ireland, I like you better than any other teacher in school."

Mrs. Gardiner—"Tell of the war in Cisalpine Gaul, Miss S."

Miss S.—"Well, Cisalpine Gaul was the Roman general."

What is the longest word in the English Language?

I don't know, what?

Smiles as there is a mile between the first and last letters.

If you and I were out in the rain together, would I be your reindeer.

One of the Senior Girls (seeing a cedar tree with little blue berries), "Why, I never knew that huckle berries grew on trees before."

Oh, mamma dear, said Willie

It's funny don't you think

That we're made of dust

We don't get muddy when we drink?

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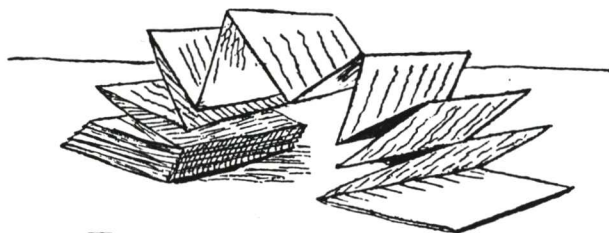
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Why Attend West Virginia University

By Philip M. Conley, Editor-in-chief of The Monongalian

ALL true, patriotic, West Virginians should give preference to their own state institution. This is loyalty of the highest kind. Should not we, who expect to be citizens of one of the greatest States in the American Union, take advantage of the opportunities afforded at West Virginia University, so that when we go out into the business world, we may point with pride to our Alma Mater! In the near future, a man who can claim that he has a degree from our state institution will be regarded with high respect, because our University will soon be one of the leading institutions of learning in the United States.

Our state university now ranks with the best state universities in the country. The entrance requirements of secondary work for the A. B. degree as set forth in the catalogues of fifteen state universities, show that Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Oregon, Texas, Washington, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and West Virginia, have the same requirements; that is fifteen units. This shows clearly that the standard of West Virginia University is not low. Cornell has the same requirements; while the University of Virginia and Washington and Jefferson only require fourteen units for entrance.

The expenses at West Virginia University are extremely low compared with other high institutions of learning. The expenses as quoted in the University catalogue for board, room rent, laundry, text-books, contingent, and athletic fees are from \$140 to \$219 per year. The same expenses as quoted in the University of Virginia catalogue, are from \$345 to \$480. Cornell quotes board and room rent alone at from \$5 to \$12 per week, besides a tuition fee of \$100 per year. Washington and Jefferson quotes expenses from \$219 to \$354. One may readily see that as far as expenses are concerned, West Virginia University has reduced them to the minimum. In addition to this, matriculation fee,

contingent fees, and books (to the amount of \$.15 per year) are furnished free to state cadets.

These brief statistics prove conclusively that West Virginia furnishes as good opportunities for higher education as any State in the American Union. To come into personal touch with the really great men of national reputation, who belong to the faculty of West Virginia University, and receive inspiration from their wise council, is indeed worth a great deal to anyone. Each student is able to know practically every other student in the institution. This personal contact with professors and fellow-students, is of inestimable value to any student.



Student's Struggle With Information

By Clarence Roby, '14

NOW Student put on the armor of Determination and started on his long journey to that wonderful land called Graduation. Before him was the broad Valley of Earnest Effort, through which he had to pass.

He entered this valley but had not gone very far when he saw a fearful looking monster coming towards him. Student thought very seriously of returning to some known place of safety, but soon decided that he must keep on going forward if he would reach the desired goal. This monster, Information, was clad in stout heavy material such as would resist all attacks. He straight-way began to question Student. He first asked, "What's your name, and whither are you going?"

"My name is Student," was the reply, "and I'm on my way to Graduation."

Information next demanded, "From what place have you come?" When Student replied that he had come from the land of Ignorance, Information denounced his purpose at once saying, "You are foolish for leaving. It will greatly profit you to turn around and go back. What you do not know will do you no harm. You will find the real joys of Life in that land." But Student would not be tempted, and declared emphatically that he did not like it in the land of Ignorance. To live there all his life, he said, would result in his never-knowing the best things the

world has to offer. The mode of life there did not suit him. He burnt with a desire to reach Graduation, for what little he had heard of it, had caused him to desire eagerly to be there. "I will not go back," he declared.

Then Information sternly told Student that he had come there on purpose to prevent his going any farther. He showed Student the many pages of hard problems he would have to solve, and the other hard tasks he would have to perform, and did his best to persuade him to turn back, but Student insisted upon going forward.

Information then began viciously to hurl examinations at Student, but Student placed a shield of Preparation before him and drew the sword of Concentration and struck Information a terrible blow which resulted in his subjection.

Student had many other encounters with Information, but after the first conflict, he never failed to bear before him the shield of Preparation, and near at his side the trusty sword of Concentration. In this way he was always enabled to subdue his fierce combatant, and finally reached the Happy Land of Graduation, from whence he later removed into the City of Usefulness.



THE SCOUT

ONE day not long ago, as Rory Byrne was stamping up the steps from a chat with the Scout in the basement, his attention was arrested by the sound of voices near the Laboratory door. He didn't mean to play eaves dropper, but he was tired from hurrying up the steps, so he had a perfectly legitimate excuse for stopping to rest a moment. Then he heard some boys and girls arguing about the Scout. One or two complained of his plain speaking, but most of them wished he'd make his appearance in The Picket again. One boy called out, "If any of you want to write something better than the old Scout gives, send in your copy."

"Poor old chap!" muttered Rory as he passed out of the door, "I alwus told him he couldn't 'ford to speak so straight forrard. People don't like to hear about their failin's. Still most of 'em like him."

The days passed, and the Scout said nothing, though he kept

his buzz-saw moving pretty lively. As usual, no one offered the editor a line or a hint for copy. The poor editor began to have dreams of a land where contributors were as liberal with copy as a campaign speaker is with jokes—of a land where printers are all sure to get to heaven because they never tell l—— fibs. But he kept growing thinner and more worried-looking every day, so the Scout came to the rescue with a few meditations.

Mr. Ground Hog has over two weeks in which to finish up his contract, allowing him a few days for lost time. After this, it is to be hoped that no one will presume to sneer at his swinishness again. But speaking of swine, the Scout is reminded of a jingle he overheard one of the boys repeating the other day,

“First pig went to market,
Second pig stayed at home,
Third pig had good roasted beef,
Fourth little pig had none,
Fifth little pig said “Wee! wee! wee!
I want to go to old S. C.”

And the little fellow got here, too, with the slight assistance of some kind hearted students. He was such an interesting little visitor that most of the students in the English classes have been writing about him ever since. The teacher finally announced that she had indigestion from reading so much about pork.

The Scout was highly pleased with the attendance and the attention at both sections of Dr. Harriet B. Jone's lectures on Sex Hygiene. It was quite evident that both boys and girls took in a proper spirit, the information so cleverly and so graciously presented to them. This attitude on the part of the students is but one more proof of what the Scout has long believed: namely, that our students, though occasionally trying, and often too prone to indulge in a practical joke, such as hiding the men teachers' hats and making that nerve-wracking noise in the study hall, are nevertheless far above the average student for innate refinement and true consideration for the rights of others.

If they would only take a deeper interest in the Christian Associations of the school, the Scout would certainly consider them fit models for students anywhere in the State. The general lack of interest in this work, the Scout feels sure, is due largely to the heavy work many of our best students are carrying. However, if they could realize how much the influence of the association

work may affect their after lives for good, they would consider the time put into it well and profitably spent. Through the efforts of some of the women teachers the "Y. W's." are growing in numbers. If our students attended association meetings regularly, they would be less likely to conduct themselves unseemly in Chapel services. Rory declared, the last time he visited Chapel, that the faculty ought either to abolish chapel or abolish some of the students.

The Scout visited the literary societies recently and was pained to notice some young women whom he had been admiring for their ladylike conduct carry on a semi-audible conversation during the rendering of the entire program. He thinks these students ought to take the hint and never so flagrantly violate the tenets of good breeding again. He also noticed at the same meeting some thoughtless students chewing gum.

The Scout never fails to find interest in the enrollment cards and class rolls. This term we have nineteen different counties of our own State represented with Maryland, South Carolina and Tennessee in addition. Over fifty students drive to and from school daily, the distance varying from two to eight miles, making a daily drive of four to sixteen miles. One hundred ninety-two are studying English; one hundred two, History and Economics; one hundred three, Algebra and Geometry; one hundred twenty, Professional Subjects; sixty-four, Latin; twenty-eight, French and German; fifty-nine, Arithmetic; forty-two, Chemistry and Physics; seventy-eight, Commercial Geography and Geology and fifty-one, Drawing.

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PROF. Miller returned to us after having attended the superintendence department of the N. E. A., at Philadelphia, and after having visited some of the other large cities of the country. He also attended a meeting of The Sons of the Revolution of West Virginia, and was elected president of that organization. While Prof. Miller took this trip, primarily, in the interest of education, he also found time to visit some of the great art galleries, and to avail himself of the opportunity of hearing some of the best of music. He seems to be especially interested at this time, in the above named subjects, and therefore took great delight in relating to the student body something of what he saw and heard. Special mention was made of "The Horse Fair," and "Lost," two pictures in the Metropolitan Art Gallery at New York. The former of these two pictures impresses one by the gigantic strength which is portrayed. The latter produces an indescribable feeling, which is not easy to forget. Those pictures are quite large; the "Horse Fair" being no less than eight feet by fourteen feet and "Lost" about ten feet by six feet. We have a

reproduction of those pictures in our building. A description of the John Wanamaker building in Philadelphia, with its million dollar art gallery and the finest organ in the world, was equally valuable. In fact, these talks were worth more than some fifty-cent lectures.

With Miss Ireland as Art teacher, the students of S. C. are having a rare opportunity to study this interesting subject. Under her instruction, even a very common picture, reveals new beauties, and claims one's attention just as often as he sees it. Among the best pictures on our walls are: "Concord Bridge," "Stratford on the Avon," "Saved," "A Helping Hand," "Reading from Homer" "The Parthenon," "Matterhorn" and various shepherd scenes.

Miss Ireland's department is among the most popular in our school. She attends the Potomac Valley Round Table, which meets at Romney, April 18-19, and makes an address on the subject of "Art and Craft-Work in Our Public Schools." Other members of the faculty will attend the same meeting.



PROF. Miller is organizing an Audubon Club. We feel sure that a study of birds is going to be a most delightful and profitable subject. The students are manifesting considerable interest in the idea, and books, illustrative and descriptive, of our various birds are being ordered. After hearing the song of a mocking bird, investigation was made, and it was found that a pair of these birds had spent the winter near a country home, a short distance from the school building. This bird is seldom, if ever, found west of the Alleghany Mountains; and what is very often called the mocking bird, is the brown thrasher.



BEFORE this issue of The Picket is ready for distribution, another term of school will have passed into history. We think that this has been a good term and that most of the students are still reflecting honor upon the school.

We are now third among the normal schools in enrollment, and are expecting a much larger enrollment for the spring term than ever before. Let us not forget to lend a helping hand to the new students, by meeting them at trains, helping them to secure boarding places and extending all the little courtesies which are

so much appreciated by one away from home.



ON last Friday evening the senior girls gave a reception in honor of the basket-ball team which had just played an exciting game with the Penn. State Foresters. To this reception were invited the faculty, visiting basket-ball team and senior boys. The entertainment was given in the art studio and the adjoining music hall.

The decorating committee had done its work so well that these two rooms seemed transformed. Flowers, ferns and evergreens were so plentiful and so well arranged that one felt as though he were in a well kept floral park. The walls of the music hall were artistically decorated with fifty or more pennants, from various schools of the country.

Inviting and restful as was the appearance of the hall, the entertainment was fully in keeping with the decoration. Various games and contests were enthusiastically entered into and enjoyed by all. Needless to say, there was no lack of refreshments of the most delicious quality.

We have always had a high opinion of our senior girls. But since they have thus again demonstrated their thoughtfulness, generosity, kindness and ability, we know that no class can excel them.



EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Miss Manette Myers, who graduated from a Kansas Agricultural College two years ago; is now holding the highest office that a woman can have in New Mexico. She was recently appointed State director of industrial education. The appointment was unsolicited, and came after she had achieved success as a teacher of domestic science and art in the high schools of Albuquerque.

School authorities in the State of Indiana have begun a campaign against the cigarette. A careful investigation has revealed the fact that a large number of the boys attending the public schools are confirmed smokers or indulge occasionally in the practice.

The American Institute of Instruction will be held July 1-4 at Bethlehem, N. H.

A commission of teachers from Uruguay is studying educational institutions in the United States and Canada.

Superintendent Brumbaugh, of Philadelphia, has been granted a leave of absence from June 7 to September 1. He will make a study of continuation schools in Switzerland and Germany, with a view to their possible adoption in his city.

The National Education Association will be held July 7-11 at Salt Lake City.

Andrew Carnegie has turned over to the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation \$1,250,000 for the endowment of a Division of Educational Inquiry.

The teachers of Cambridge and Lynn are before the legislature petitioning for amendments to the city charters of their respective cities, asking that a larger per cent of the cities' revenues may be spent for school purposes, particularly for increase in salary.

The West Virginia Legislature was so busy with other things that few bills, relating to school legislation, were passed.

A measure which will interest a large number of school teachers relates to the renewal of first grade certificates. It provides at the end of five years first grade certificates can be renewed if the holder has taught three years and has passed on Agriculture; at the expiration of ten and fifteen years, they can be renewed if the holder has taught three years of the five previous and passes examination on two of the reading circle books.

Other measures of equal or greater importance that were passed were the common drinking cup bill and the anti-cigarette bill. The latter is much in harmony with the prohibition amendment.

The legislature appropriated \$26,000 for buildings and land to Shepherd College. The most of this amount will be expended in the erection of a dormitory for our girls.

For centuries the women of Japan were taught the "three stages of obedience": When young, obey your parents; when married, obey your husband; when old, obey your son. For a long time all the instruction was ethical, teaching her to obey.

Now there are more than 200 girls' high schools of over 500 students each in Japan. There are many schools for training girls for earning independent livelihoods. There is also a Womans' University established in 1911, with over 1100 students. It is divided into Departments of Pedagogics, Literature, English Literature and Housekeeping.

This being the Livingstone Centenary it is an excellent time to read some of his books and some of the many books written about him. Read and learn what he has done for Africa in the way of education.

 LITERARY SOCIETIES
AND ASSOCIATIONS

P. L. S. NOTES

By Ethel Percy, '13

At our regular meeting on February 7, the faculty and the members of the Ciceronian Literary Society were present by special invitation.

The following program was given:

Song—By the quintet.

Declamation—An Actor's Story—Elizabeth Boswell.

Essay—The Parthenon—Edna Buntten.

Violin solo—Marion Billmyer.

Oration—Opportunity—O. L. Snyder.

Debate—S. F. Talbot vs. Guy Thompson.

Song—By the quintet.

The question debated was: "Resolved, that tariff should be levied for revenue only." The judges, Misses Turner and Smith and Mr. Kenamond decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Snyder's oration won the decision as the best production of the evening.

Dr. Harriet B. Jones visited our meeting February 28, and gave us a very pleasing talk.

Who are going to represent the Parthenian Literary Society

in the contest next June is a question that will soon have to be decided. We feel sure that any members chosen for this important work will reflect honor upon the society.

Instead of a regular meeting March 7, we accepted the invitation of our sister society to hear a special program. It is needless to say that we were delightfully entertained.

Much interest has been shown in our literary work throughout this term. There is always room for improvement, however, so we must make the spring term the best of the year.

C. L. S. NOTES

Since we last reported, the work of the C. L. S. has been progressing in a very encouraging manner. We have received the following members: Charles Link, Martha White, Tae Bishop, Helen Hunter, Mabel Boyd, Dorothy Ware, Katherine LeFevre and Elma Bogdahn, of whom we feel justly proud.

The programs have all been up to the usual high standard of this society, for all members seem to realize the importance of this kind of work.

On Friday March 7, the following program was rendered in the auditorium, to which the faculty, Parthenian Literary Society, other students and the towns people were invited.

Chorus—'Neath the Dear Old Southern Pine.

Glimpses of the South—G C. Bartlett.

Vocal solo (Sing me a Song of the Sunny South)—Hildred Marlatt.

Biography of General Lee—Mary Triplett.

Piano solo (A Southern Medley)—Mabel Boyd.

Declamation (Negro Philosophy)—Gilbert Hendricks.

Declamation (When the Corn Pone is Hot)—Walter Herr.

Biography of Stonewall Jackson—Charlotte Reinhart.

Whistling Quintet (Old Black Joe.)

Declamation (In Virginia)—Kathleen Henkle.

Declamation (Thought)—Martha White.

Declamation (The Stolen Watermelon)—Richard Knott.

Chorus—Carry Me Back to Old Virginny.

The large audience expressed appreciation of this program by close attention and hearty applause.

Curiosities From The Register

Occupations represented: Three Millers, one Baker, one Cook, one Hunter, one Bishop, one Parson and one Dyer.

We have two Prices that we do not pay, two holidays (Holidays) that we do not observe, a Hill that moves, two Lemens that we cannot hand out, two nickles (Nichols) that we may not spend, three Links, but not the I. O. O. F. emblem, a her (Herr) that we must always parse as masculine, three swains (Swaynes) that are not rustic, two Harpers who still lack harps, two Banks that do not receive accounts, a Dolly too large to play with, three Dailys that we do not read, a grim (Grimm) that is not hideous, a Bartlett that is not a pair (pear), a Bell that does not ring and Gates that do not swing.

EXCHANGE NOTES

We wish to thank the following exchanges for their February visit: The Tatler, Huntington, W. Va., The Bethany Collegian, Bethany, W. Va., The Preparatory Herald, Keyser, W. Va., The West Virginian Tablet, Romney, W. Va., The Beaver, Bluefield, W. Va., The Tiger, Elkins, W. Va., The X-Ray, Maunington, W. Va., The Pharos, Buckhauon, W. Va., The Pageant, St. Marys, W. Va., The Antiochian, Yellow Springs, O., Raynor Record, Youngstown, O., The Anchor, Holland, Mich., The Clarion, Appleton, Wis., The Dickinsonian, Carlisle, Pa., The Gardonian, Philadelphia, Pa., The Monthly Chronicle, Alexandria, Va., The Sanborn Echo, Kingston, N. H., The Review, Lowell, Mass., The William Woods College Record, Fulton, Mo., The Rustler, Freemont, Neb.

The Tatler is an excellent school publication. The material is carefully prepared and well printed on good paper.

The Clarion has a number of good short stories.

The Anchor shows good literary talent. The stories are well prepared. We also like the cover design.

The two issues of The Beaver for February are worthy of

comment. The Freshmen number is especially interesting, as it shows the characteristics of the editors.

As Others See Us

The Picket, Shepherdstown, W. Va.—A good issue although a better quality of paper would improve it. Your exchange notes are well developed—but why not put as much thought on your other departments?—High School Review.

“The Picket is a very small magazine, but its material is arranged in a praiseworthy fashion. It might be improved if the print were somewhat larger and if it had just a few more cuts.”—The Rayen Record.

A school paper is a great invention,
The staff gets all the fame,
The printer gets the money,
And the editor the blame.—Ex.

Little bank roll, ere we part,
Let me hug you to my heart,
All the year I've clung to you,
I've been faithful, you've been true.

Little bank roll, some bright day,
You and I will stray away
To a gay and festive spot,
I'll come home, but you will not.

ALUMNI NOTES

George Clayton Hill, '99, and Miss Virginia Ockershausen, of New York City, were married Thursday, March twenty seventh.

Robert M. Duke, '01, of Philadelphia, is spending the Easter vacation at the home of his mother near Bakerton.

Guy Avey, '10, of Jones's Spring, Berkeley Co., and Miss Ethel M. Sanbower, of Shepherdstown, were married in Hagerstown, March first by the Rev. J. S. Simon.

Taylor Bragonier, '08, was home from Lehigh University for the Easter vacation.

Rose Snyder, '11, has been visiting friends in Carlisle the past week.

Frank Yates, '12, and W. R. Snyder, '09, attended the recep-

tion given March fifteenth by the girls of the Senior class in honor of the basket-ball team.

Mrs. John L. Weaver (Mary Hill, '93,) of Martinsburg, spent a few days recently in Shepherdstown with her sister Miss Julia Hill.

Mrs. Lawrence Hout (Dora Snyder, '77,) has the sympathy of her many friends in the great bereavement which has recently come to her in the death of her husband, and her daughter, Mrs. Strother.

Mary E. Babb, '92, of Falls, W. Va., was married March fourth to Rev. Upton L. Landstreet, pastor of the Methodist church at Medley, W. Va.



Miss B.—“Philadelphia is situated on the Allegheny river.”

Prof. M.—“Miss M., are your bones solid?”

Miss M.—“Yes.”

Mr. R.—“Don't the fish worms come from the sky?”

We are indeed sorry to know our basket ball boys have been defeated.

Miss H.—“The liberty bell was cracked while ringing for the Declaration of Independence.”

Prof. M.—“Did you ever taste any smoke-house butter?”

Miss P.—“Oh! Oh! well you mean butter that you keep in the smoke-house, do you?”

Prof. M.—“It takes a crank to move the world.”

From a book report—“He fought under Burgoyne in the Spanish American War.”

“Matthew Maude was excited for witch-craft.”

“A man left his footprints in the back yard.”

Ask Snyder and Dyer who removed the little black dog from the building.

Miss Waddell is glad to know that the world is growing better. A student compared bad in a grammar examination, bad, better, best.

Miss R. discussing heredity—"Well, if parents have gone to school, the children will go to school."

Prep.—"Which is correct, coupons or coupons."

Freshie—"Cow pons."

Miss Smith—"Who was Hector?"

Bright Junior—"Wife of Andromache."

Senior to Junior who was biting her finger. "Is it good?"

Junior—"Yes. Want a bite?"

Mr. B.—May I report on "The man without a country?"

Miss W.—"No, I don't want a man without a country."

Junior—Oh, hand me that "Journey With a Monkey," so I study it.

Mr. C. is trying to find out how much electricity some of the Senior girls have in their hair, by pulling it. "Hands off!"

Mr. R.—"What I don't know doesn't hurt me."

Miss S.—"If it did you'd be in trouble."

Miss W.—"What was the name of George Washington's father?"

Miss M.—"Mr. Washington."

Robert S.—"Fools rush in where angels (angels) fear to tread."

Miss W. "I could cheerfully pitch a few of you out of the window if it wasn't for cruelty to animals."

G. P. T. debating: "They will not be able to pay the laboring man his just dues."

How is this for original spelling? Cucumber spelled, quecumber. Partridge spelled, potrige.

Mrs. Falanagan "Oi want a pair of shoes for moi boy."

Salesman "French kid, ma'am?"

Mrs. F. "No, he's Irish."—Ex.

Why do they call this sweet land of liberty? I can understand the liberty part, but why sweet?"

Well, we have our forest preserves and our subway jams."—Ex.

Dan Cupid is a marksman poor,
 Despite his love and kisses,
 For though he always hits the mark,
 He's always making Mrs.—Ex.

A manikin's a little man
 That simple fact no one would stump;
 But a napkin's not a little nap
 And a pumkin's not a pump.

A starling is not a little star
 That's very plain to any chump;
 But a stripling's not a strip
 And a dumpling's not a dump.

A kidlet is a little kid
 That's seen by e'en the dullest nut;
 But a hamlet's not a little ham,
 And a cutlet's not a little cut.

A princes is a lady prince;
 But it's not held by any bloat,
 That a mattress is a female mat,
 Or a buttress is a nanny goat.

Oh, English, you are strangely made!
 You're not a tongue for gumps or fools!
 I'll never master you I'm 'fraid

You've more exceptions than you've rules.—Ex.

The class of '87 of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., has presented it with a new gymnasium at a cost of \$150,000. The gymnasium has been built and is now in use. It contains a swimming pool 30 feet by 75 feet in size, bowling alleys, rooms for inside baseball, basketball, handball, boxing, wrestling, a squash court and the main gymnasium for general athletic exercise. The building is equipped through with the most approved modern apparatus. It is built of Harvard brick with limestone trimmings and is fire proof throughout.

Mr. Miller (in chapel, telling of his travels), "And I stood by the dead body of a mummy."

H. P. (seeing two S. C. girls riding on one horse) "Oh, I think that is imposing on good nature."

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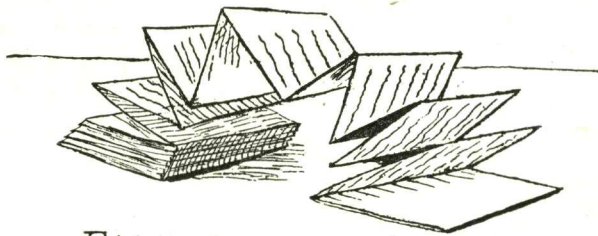
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BELLS

By. G. C. Bartlett, '13

THE history of bells and their strange fascination is more wonderful than the casual observer sometimes thinks.

We do not know when bells first came into use, nor for what purpose they were first made. However, we do know that they were used many, many centuries ago, and for various purposes. The Egyptian feast of Osiris was announced by ringing of bells. Several bells of bronze have been found among the ruins of Nineveh. Jewish high priests adorned themselves with bells attached to their vestments. The introduction of bells into churches is usually ascribed to Saint Paulinus. Their use in churches and monasteries rapidly spread throughout the civilized world. Although they were at first of comparatively small size, they began to increase in proportion, and soon bells of enormous size were being cast. The Jacqueline of Paris, cast in 1300, weighed fifteen thousand pounds. One at Toulouse weighs sixty-six thousand pounds. But the largest bell in the world is the great bell of Moscow, more than nineteen feet in height and weighing 448,000 pounds.

Bells, for many years, have been associated with the church, and have therefore acquired a sacred character. In early times bells were cast with religious ceremonies and consecrated by baptism. In the Middle Ages it was common to put some such inscription on bells as, "I call the living," "I mourn the dead," "I mark the Sabbath," "I arouse the slow," "I scatter the winds," "I appease the cruel," or, "I praise the true God; call the people; assemble the clergy; bewail the dead; put to flight the plagues; honor the festivals." Thus we see that in early times bells were almost idealized.

Aside from these, bells of more modern times claim considerable attention. The Liberty Bell must have a charm for every one who breathes the pure air of free America. It is interesting to

know that this bell was cast in England 1752, and that it bears this Bible inscription, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof." When these words were placed there, little did the people think they were so appropriate or that the bearer of this inscription was to be a true liberty bell. But July 4, 1776, when it was rung to announce the signing of the Declaration of Independence, every one knew that no fitter words could have been chosen.

When the British occupied Philadelphia, the bell was removed from its accustomed place and concealed in the Delaware River near Trenton, but was afterward hung in its old position, and for many years rung every Fourth. In 1893 it was carried to Chicago for the Worlds Fair, and in many cities through which it passed Liberty Bell was greeted with special demonstrations; and since has been exhibited in other cities. It goes to San Francisco in 1915. The bell is always transported in a beautifully decorated car and guarded by a squad of police.

Perhaps no bells are of more local interest than those in the Reformed Church in Shepherdstown, since they are venerable with age, and their chimes were among the first music, or among the first voices to cause the wild man or the wild animal to listen and wonder. These bells were brought from France to Baltimore about 1732, whence they were hauled by wagon to Shepherdstown and hung in the steeple of the above named church. Two of those bells have on them a French inscription, which Mr. W. M. Duke translates as follows and also gives the following description of the bells. "L'an 1632 Gabriel Buret de Rouen M'a faite" (The year 1732 Gabriel Bouret of Rouen made me.) This with a Roman cross is all that can be seen on the largest bell. The smallest bell has these words and figures: "Faite a Paris, Claude Bernard fondeur" (Made in Paris, Claude Bernard smelter.) This bell is beautifully adorned with the fleur-de-lis, the national flower of France. On one side is the seated figure of a woman. In one hand she holds what seems to be a staff or spear, her left hand rests upon a shield. The liberty cap adorns her head. On the opposite, in bold relief, is a bell over which is a small star. A wreath of leaves surrounds the whole, and above this wreath is the crowned head of a child. Between these two figures is another of the full face of a child, from which rays as from the sun seem to emanate in all directions."

What these various figures represent and what meaning they were originally intended to convey, is difficult to determine. But we feel sure that it is a message full of interest.

It is interesting to know that those bells were christened somewhat after the custom which was used in foreign countries in early times. When the bells were to be placed in the steeple a large audience came together to witness and participate in the solemn ceremonies. As a part of the ceremony, a bell was filled with wine and all were permitted and expected to drink therefrom. Thus we see how rapidly customs have changed. While generations have come and gone, and while new ideas, and new ideals have taken possession of each succeeding generation, the voices of these bells remain the same as when they first called a devout assembly of worshipers together.

Other bells of the town are of scarcely less interest. But now we can only mention the bell in the tower at the entrance of Elmwood, the silent city. Its slow and solemn tone, though sad as it necessarily must be, has a peculiar sweetness. The deep voice of this bell has tolled at the burial of hundreds, and made the people of the surrounding community realize that another fellowmortal had passed from the shores of time.

Can any instrument of any kind arouse more varied feelings than bells? As the spirited horse dashes through the street or along the highway, carrying a number of tinkling voices, many hearts are cheered, and every one feels like exclaiming, Ah, frosty winter is the best time of all the year!

Wedding bells convey an idea of happiness, not unmixed, however, with a feeling of anxiety, on the part of fond parents, as their idolized daughter goes out from the parental roof. In describing a great feast of pleasure, Byron could find no better words than these, "And all went merry as a marriage bell."

But what a different feeling is aroused when in the quietness of the night the sudden ringing of the alarm bell is heard. Then there is hurrying of anxious feet, and a terror in every heart that cannot well be described.

Could a more welcome sound greet the ear of a despairing sailor, as through the inky blackness of the stormy night comes the inviting tone of the great fogbell, as it seems to say, "Steer this way, Steer this way." As a spring of pure water in a desert is to the famishing traveler, so is the bell to the sailor-boy.

"Thy voice upon the deep
The home-bound sea boy hails,
It charms his cares to sleep,
It cheers him as he sails."

Certainly Christmas would lose some of its charm if it were not for the bells. How sweetly from the belfries of all Christendom are the words of peace on earth, good will to men repeated!

What can call back memories of childhood and memories of home friends more distinctly than the bell in the old church tower? To the boy away from home, the church bell as it speaks in worshipful tones on a Sunday morning through a clear warm air and a soft sunshine, says more to the young man than can books; more perhaps than is said to him in sermons. As he listens, he sees the modest little dwelling of his parents in a distant village. He sees his good father and mother responding to the call of the village church bell. He can hear the same tolling that announced the passing of his sainted old grandfather. Or he can hear the same merry chime that filled the air when his darling sister stood before the altar "For love's own sweet sake." With such memories as these thronging the wind, could any one be false to parents or untrue to his God? So instead of spending the day in idleness and folly the boy finds his way to a place of worship and

"Lifts the heart and bends the knee."
"For bells are the voice of the church;
They have tones that touch and search
The heart of young and old;
One sound to all, yet each
Lends a meaning to their speech,
And the meaning is manifold."

Scarcely less elevating and inspiring are the bells in the calm eveningtime. The tinkle, tinkle of the bells of the flock on the mountain side sets the heart to keeping time to a sublime music and these lines are recalled,

"Those evening bells, those evening bells,
How many a tale their music tells!"
Is it any wonder that Poe exclaimed,
"Oh, the bells, bells, bells."

The ringing of bells in chimes, and the playing of tunes upon them has been carried to the greatest perfection. But the bells of time will not always ring for us. Happy we, if at "Sunset and

evening bell" when we have embarked, we may hear coming from the lighthouse across the way, a sweet and mellow tone directing our voyage; and then happier still when we have reached the harbor and begun to enjoy the heavenly chimes which are ours throughout the countless ages.



ON THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT BEAUTY

By Foster Hedrick

FOR weeks the girls at Glenview Seminary had been looking forward to the annual holiday, which they always spent on Mount Beauty. This year, however, there was a slight check to their joyful anticipation, namely: they must return two hours earlier than usual, and each must bring a basket of wild flowers to decorate the hall for the art lecture to be given that night. It must be admitted that most of the girls cared far more for nature on those bright spring days than for art, and, as Dixie Ferrell said, "Who wouldn't rather look at wild flowers on the stalk than gather them to do honor to some musty-custy old art lecturer?"

But in spite of the handicap, they set out in a gay mood immediately after an early lunch, and soon reached their favorite spot for outings of the kind on hand that day. Mount Beauty, surrounded by a broad expanse of level land, rises just high enough to make all who see it want to climb to its top. Flowers grow so profusely over its surface that it presents a veritable rainbow glow of color. Here then on every available occasion flock the girls from Glenview to gather the beautiful flowers. The masses they carry away in no way diminishes the supply for judging by their great abundance, it would seem that where one is plucked, two prettier ones spring up in its place.

As the girls gathered flowers, vieing with one another as to who should get the largest and most varied collection, they grumbled good naturedly over the trouble they had to take for the "musty-crusty old lecturer" as Dixie had called him. "Perhaps he isn't old nor fussy," ventured Ruth Grant, "He may be young and handsome, What then?" A vehement chorus of disdain met the suggestion. "Who ever heard of a young art lecturer?" de-

manded Dixie. "Of course he's old and crusty." They were near Eagle Cliff a rocky declivity on one side of the mountain as they joked and chatted in this way. A whirl of wings over their heads brought forth a startled shriek followed by a merry chime of laughter when they saw only a covey of frightened quail fluttering about.

Soon they started homeward and not until they were almost at the edge of the Campus did they miss Dixie. She was such a rapid walker that she was usually rods ahead of all the others, and they had supposed she was ahead then.

Instead, she was being assisted down the sloping side of Mount Beauty by an unusually handsome young man. She had gone beyond Eagle Cliff to get some late arbutus that she remembered could usually be found there. Realizing when she returned that the girls had started home, she hurried frantically down the rough path after them. A rolling stone, a quick cry of pain and poor Dixie found herself explaining to a handsome stranger how it happened.

"I am Harry Raymond, the 'musty-crusty old art lecturer'," he announced laughingly. "I'm sorry you have hurt your ankle, but glad I can be of assistance, and heap a few coals of fire on your head for insisting that I was old and decrepit. You see I was resting at Eagle Cliff after my walk up here from the hotel, and I couldn't help hearing what you said. I'm sorry to disappoint you."

"Personally I think I enjoy being disappointed," she declared roguishly. "But I don't know what Miss Granston will have to say about this episode."

"As I happen to be her favorite nephew I think I can explain everything to her entire satisfaction. But I think we must start," and he picked Dixie up as if she had been only a large doll, and started down the path.

She begged to be allowed to walk, so he put her down, but she was forced to lean heavily upon the strong arm of the young scholar.

Miss Granston fairly beamed upon Dixie when Professor Raymond walked across the court supporting a very pale young woman and told his version of the story. Later in the evening at the reception after the lecture, he seized a chance moment to tell her she did not look like the battle scared heroine. He told her the

flower covered hill was a far pleasanter place to meet than the crowded reception room. "What is the peaklet called?" he asked.

"You may sneer at its size, but you can't sneer at its name or the legend that is the origin of the name. We call it Mount Beauty," she announced proudly.

"And a beauty it truly is. Come over to this seat by the window and tell me this legend please" he pleaded.

She accepted the proffered seat, and then told him in her own winsome way the old Indian story, that many, many years ago, before the white man ever saw this country, the North Wind got tired of living in a land of snow and frost, and that he came down into the South Wind's territory, causing much sorrow and destruction.

This angered the South Wind very much, so much that he made a vow, promising to give something beautiful to the world, if the Great Father would give him power to drive the North Wind back into his own land.

The two giant winds met where the peak now stands, and fought a fierce and furious battle. After a while cheerful Spring came, and the North Wind, finding that he would be defeated unless he could get help, and knowing that the South Wind could not live far above the surface of the earth, piled up a great heap of rocks where he could be safe. But after a few warm days he decided to go back to his old home.

The South Wind to keep his vow, and proud of his victory, then changed the heap of rocks into a mountain peak clothed in evergreens and flowers. Everyone who saw it exclaimed, "The little mountain!" and it soon came to be known to everyone as Mount Beauty.

"It's your turn to tell me a story," she coaxed, when she had finished the tale.

I shall want to tell you a story—an 'old, old story' sometime, but I should like to tell it on the summit of Mount Beauty.

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As was expected, we have with us nearly half a hundred new students from various parts of the State. We know that they have come to work and that they are going to reap great benefit from this term's work. Most of them have identified themselves with one of the literary societies. They seem to appreciate such a library as Shepherd College has to offer, and are seizing every opportunity to glean some new thought or fact from the printed page. Every school is glad to welcome such students.

Not only is the school growing in regard to students, but we have an increase in the number of teachers also. Mrs. Robert Gibson, of Shepherdstown, is teacher of elocution and expression. Mrs. Gibson is an efficient teacher and is supplying a long felt need in this school.

We are to have a commercial teacher by the first of May.



The photographer has had his day with us again this year. His work is satisfactory in every way, and our group pictures are

showing up much better than did those of last year. Consequently, the Cohongoroota will be better than any previous book. Every student should secure a year book for the love that he bears to old S. C.



We were the recipients of two unusually good treats when the Girl's Glee Club from Irvin College visited us on the evening of April 4th, and the Franklin and Marshall Combined Glee and Mandolin Clubs on the evening of the 8th. Those clubs both showed splendid training and talent. It is indeed an inspiration to hear the cultured voices of twenty-five persons blending in the most beautiful harmony.



In our pessimistic moments we are sometimes inclined to think that this is an old selfish world and that there is but little charity displayed. But when we see from how many sources help comes when there is a disaster of any consequence, we are bound to admit that we are living in the most sympathetic age of the world's history. Whether it be an earthquake in far away Messina, or a flood that carries away the homes of our Dayton neighbors, the people of our great country are ready and willing to fly to the rescue. In the recent misfortune, with the other good people of the land, Shepherd College wished to aid the sufferers, and was glad to send to them about fifty dollars.



EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Domestic Science courses in the Summer School at Morgantown will be in charge of Miss Nellie M. Barnett, a graduate of Columbia University and supervisor of Domestic Science in the schools of Wallinham, Washington.

Dr. Friend E. Clark, a native of New Martinsville and now Professor of Chemistry in Centre College, Kentucky, will teach Chemistry in the summer school at Morgantown this summer.

Webster Springs district, Webster County, has voted a bond issue of \$20,000 for a district high school. It carried by a big majority.

Mr. George E. Hubbs, City Superintendent of the Moundsville Schools, has been offered the position of chief examiner in the office of the Department of Schools at Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. Hubbs is a graduate of West Liberty Normal School, and has done most of the work necessary for a degree from the State University.

Moral and Civic Education is the topic for the annual Educational Conference to be held this summer under the auspices of the University Summer School.

A Massachusetts judge has decided that Harvard students over twenty-one years of age, living in Cambridge during their college course, may vote in that city even if they are not self-supporting.

An effort is being made to secure a good district high school building at Hedgesville in Berkeley County.

Alice W. Baxley, Oakland, California, has entered suit for restoration to office by the court after being principal at one of the schools. It appears that she was removed for insubordination.

There has been established upon Long Island a State School of Agriculture, which is now expanding, as the result of a large new state appropriation.

Six hundred teachers in Illinois receive annually less than \$200 salary.

At the high school of Paducah, Kentucky, a motion picture machine has been purchased for the use of the history class.

ALUMNI NOTES

E. Rush Turner, cashier of the Farmers' Bank, is spending a two weeks' vacation in Washington.

Louise Sigler, '11, who taught the past winter at Mill Creek is now teaching at Elkins.

Louise Rightstine, '09, who taught the past term at Davis, has returned to her home in Shepherdstown.

Ralph Border, '00, has been nominated for judge of the corporation court of El Paso, Texas, where he has been practicing law for several years.

Among the teachers who attended the meeting of the Potomac

Valley Round Table held at Romney April eighteenth and nineteenth were: Boyd Randal, '05, principal of the Harpers Ferry high school; Anna Ruckman, '97, teacher in the Keyser public school; John Dunkle, '07, teacher of Science in the Keyser Preparatory School; Grace Wentling, '11, and R. M. Golladay, '12, teachers in the Paw Paw school, and O. W. Snarr, '12, principal of the Romney public school.

Eliza Johnson, '07, a well-known school teacher and Sunday School worker of Jefferson County, has gone to Colorado, where she expects to remain some time for the benefit of her health.

Naomi Garrett, '12, who teaches at Bedington, Berkeley County, recently spent a few days in Shepherdstown with the family of Mr. B. F. Hartzell.

O. W. Snarr, '12, principal of the Romney public school, spent a few days in Shepherdstown the first of the month.

A. A. P. Neel, '98, who has been pastor of the Southern Methodist Church at Burlington, W. Va., for the past four years, is now located at Marshall, Virginia.

N. C. Hardin, '12, who has been teaching this year in Moatsville, spent several days in Shepherdstown a few weeks ago.

Guy Crigler, '12, who has been Principal of the Petersburg Graded School, Grant county, spent a few days with friends in Shepherdstown recently and visited the Normal. Several of his pupils have enrolled for the spring term.

Stuart Criswell, '12, Principal of the Webster High School near Grafton during the past winter, has returned to his home here. He reports a very successful year for the school.

Mr. Wilson Sperow, '10, who has been attending school at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., visited friends in Shepherdstown recently.

Mr. Ira Derr, '10, who has been teaching at Newport News, Virginia, will enter the University College of Medicine, at Richmond next session.

Mr. Rollin Dodd, '10, who is Assistant Manager of the Romney Orchard Company, is spending a few days at his home near Hedgesville.

Friends of Dr. N. M. Hendricks, '82, whose home is in Dayton, were very much concerned about him and his family during

the recent flood disturbances in the west. He reports, however, that his family was at no time in serious danger.

Miss Nellie Spedden, '11, who has been Principal of the Leetown school for the past school year, will leave for her new home in North Carolina in the near future. Her many friends here regret to see her go.

Mr. John Hupp, '12, Superintendent of schools at Cameron, W. Va., will conduct a summer normal at that place this summer.

E. L. Magruder, '10, who recently completed his law course at Valparaiso, Ind., has been appointed general agent for the Alexander Supply Company in that state.

Horace Banks, '09, will graduate from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., this year.

John Dunkle, '07, who completed his work at the West Virginia University last spring, is now principal of the Keyser High School.

Jesse Cook, '06, is the first principal of the new high school at Franklin, W. Va.



CLASS NOTES

SENIOR NOTES

The spring term opened with each Senior hard at work. Since this is to be our last term in Shepherd College, let us try to make this term excel all others in this respect. Another member has come to us, making a total of thirty-seven, second to the largest class in the history of the school. We extend to Mr. Roger Clapham our heartiest welcome to our class.

We are sorry to note the recent death of Miss Ireland's father. The Senior class expressed their sympathy in her sad bereavement by sending a floral tribute of cream roses, our class flower.

Miss Sarah Folk has just returned from Richmond, Va., where she was sent as a representative of the Y. W. C. A., in a convention held there.

JUNIOR NOTES

Many of the Juniors went home for the Easter vacation, and came back with a strengthened determination to make the last term of their junior year the best.

We have six new members whom we are very glad to welcome into our class. Misses Lena Brillhart, Sallie Wagoner, Ada Gordon and Messrs. Arta Shomo, Clarence Roby and Harry Rollings. We are also pleased to have Mr. Lewis with us once more, after missing the winter term on account of ill health. There are now forty-two enrolled in the Junior class.

The Cohongoroota is progressing nicely. From all prospects, it will surpass any that has preceded it. Each one seems to be trying to do his best to make it a success. The Junior class met and dedicated the Cohongoroota to Mrs. Gardiner.

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Y. W. C. A. NOTES

By Nellie Greider

On the thirty-first of March a business meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Sallie B. Wagoner.

Vice-President—Grace Kiser.

Secretary—Nina Pownell.

Treasurer—Dorothy Ware.

Reporter—Nellie Greider.

There have been twenty new girls added to our membership this term.

Mrs. Gardiner and Sarah Folk left Wednesday, April ninth, for Richmond, where they will attend the Y. W. C. A. convention. They will return the fifteenth or sixteenth.

There was an interesting game of basket ball played between the Senior and Junior girls on April second. The proceeds, which

were thirteen dollars twenty cents, were for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A.

At our first meeting this term Sallie Wagoner told us about the Y. W. C. A. convention held last summer in Pennsylvania. Last year she was appointed to go as delegate to this convention, and, as she did not return to us the fall and winter terms, this was our first chance to hear of her trip. The talk she gave us was enjoyed by all present.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

By A. E. Ruark

The Y. M. C. A. has made a good beginning for the spring term. A meeting held on April 2 was very profitable, the talks being very interesting. The number of new members is very gratifying, but we should like to see a very large percentage, if not every young man in the school, affiliated with this organization. We ought to send at least one delegate to the summer conference at Cincinnati, and we need the help and cooperation of every one to accomplish this. Let every man consider this and help the worthy cause.

The following students joined the association at the last meeting: Mr. Varner, Mr. Van Devander, Mr. Ewers, Mr. Strieby, Mr. Phares, Mr. Shomo, Mr. Wolford, and Mr. Carr.

The officers for the year '13-'14 are:

President—Floyd Mathias.

Vice President—Welton Hutton.

Secretary—Clarence Roby.

Treasurer—Joseph Mathias.

Reporter—A. E. Ruark.

P. L. S. NOTES

By Guy P. Thompson '14

At our regular meeting on March 14, the following officers were elected for the spring term:

President—K. T. Rexrode.

Vice President—Luther Flynn.

Secretary—Pearl Shickle.

Treasurer—V. L. Dyer.

Critic—S. F. Talbott.

Reporter—Guy P. Thompson.

Sergeant—C. R. Gates.

The programs for the meetings of this term have been excellent, and, as usual, the already high standard of this society's work is being rapidly raised so that it is indeed a very profitable pleasure to attend our meetings.

On Friday, April 4, the following members were elected to partake in the Annual Society Contest: Orator, O. L. Snyder; Debator, C. R. Gates; Declaimer, Miss Marion Billmyer; Essayist, Miss Ethel Percy. The Society can safely put her trust in these, her most faithful members, and so our highest hopes rest in them.

Since our last report we have had the pleasure of welcoming the following new members, who, we are sure, will be a credit to the society: Ada Shickel, Olive White, Mary Wood, W. B. Varner, D. J. Van Devander, Jasper Hinkle, O. N. Strieby.

We are exceedingly glad to see so many of our former members coming back with us and taking up the work where they left off.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to spend their Friday afternoons with us and enjoy our programs.

C. L. S. NOTES

The Ciceronian Literary Society, as usual, is doing commendable work. The spring term favored us with seventeen new members, all of whom we are glad to welcome into our society.

Election for spring term officers resulted as follows:

President—Clifford Bartlett.

Vice-President—Joe Mathias.

Secretary—Hildred Marlatt.

Treasurer—Edith Dodd.

Critic—Howard Phillips.

Reporter—Martha White.

Sergeant—Stewart VanMetre.

The contestants to represent the Ciceronian society in the inter-society contest were chosen:

Debater—Floyd B. Mathias.

Orator—Howard T. Phillips.

Essayist—Martha Jean White.

Reader—Lula A. Early.

Already the contestants have begun to work with a will, for they realize the ability of their competitors.

CADET NOTES

We are glad to report that the work of the Cadet Corps is progressing in a very encouraging manner.

The enrollment for the spring term is 45. The total enrollment for the year has been 68.

The Adjutant General of the State favored us by sending to us for a period of six weeks Sergeant A. S. Graham, of the U. S. Army, who saw service in the Philipines during the war with Spain.

Resides infusing into the corps the snap and precision which the government expects of her men, he introduced many new features into the work among which was the "silent manual of arms." He also carried out "Butt's Manual of Arms" more fully than had previously been done.

Sergeant Graham is considered by all who know him as a man of the highest type—every inch a soldier and a gentleman.

During his short stay at Shepherd College he made many warm friends who wish him success where'er Uncle Sam sends him.

The entire corps is now supplied with uniforms and blue steel Springfield rifles, and present a better appearance than ever before.

The drum corps, which is a very necessary part of the company, has been revived and new instruments ordered, so that the boys will soon be marching behind their own music.

New targets have been made and a suitable range secured and already some excellent scores have been made.

Taken as a whole, the corps is more alive and full of military spirit and enthusiasm, drills better, and presents a better appearance than ever before in the history of the corps.

Captain Porterfield deserves credit for the efficient way in which he has handled and built up the corps.

May the good work continue.

WILLARD CLUB NOTES

At the beginning of the spring term a new society was organized by the girls, the object of which is to further debating and public speaking.

The organization has been called the Willard Club in honor of Frances E. Willard. An election was held and the following

officers were elected:

President—Ethel Pearcy.
 Vice-President—Edith Dodd.
 Secretary—Edna Buntin.
 Treasurer—Nellie Miller.
 Critic—Sallie Wagoner.
 Reporter—Charlotte Reinhart.
 Sergeant—Marguerite Billmyer.

With twenty charter members and seventeen pledged members, it is hoped that the society will continue to grow, and that the members will take an interest in the work and derive much benefit therefrom.

EXCHANGE NOTES

We are glad to welcome three new exchanges. "The Venture," Hallowell, Maine; "The Rockford Rolla," Rockford, Ill., and "The Orange Peals," from Orange, Mass. They all have excellent material and represent good schools. They are the kind we like to get.

St. Helen's Quarterly is one of the most attractive exchanges we get. The stories are short but good.

The Pageant gives us a new item, a report of the District School. We think this is a very wise idea, as it will be interesting to the district school as well as the high school.

The Rayen Record as usual is good. Its athletic notes might be shortened.

The literary department of the Rustler is worth commending. Your artist has cleverly drawn the "Oath of Office," and the representation of the ball game hopes.

The Clarion contains a number of choice poems, showing considerable literary talent on part of the writer.

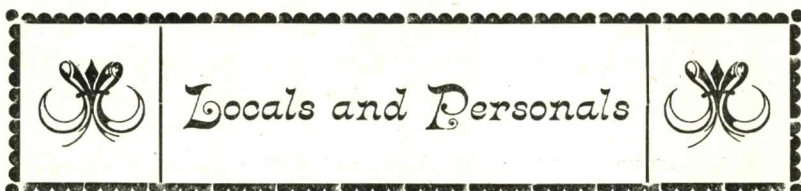
We are glad to welcome the Argonaut, after an absence of several months. We hope you will come every month now.

The Exchange Notes in the Tiger would be more interesting if there were less cataloguing and more comment.

The material, especially the stories, in True Blue might be arranged in a more attractive manner.

The Gordonian, your exchange notes are too short. In the short column that you have we never can tell whether you are in the humor for criticizing or praising.

"Mr. Butler Melch's Guest" in the Tattler is good. The plot is clever.



Miss Turner—"How far can a man weighing 150 pounds jump if he can jump accordingly to his weight as a grasshopper?"

Mr. M.—"I believe it is 13 miles and 81 rods."

Mr. H.—"Well, he certainly would be going some."

One of the Latin students remarking at the number of similes ect in Virgil, "My, Virgil must have been a good English student."

Miss P. (in Biology) "Why do little birds never see whether you have any food for them or not, when you go near the nest?"

Mr. M. "Because they open their mouths so wide that they can't see."

Mr. Miller—"Where do crows go at night?"

Mr. F.—"They fly down South."

Miss Barnes (in chorus practice), "And now, you all march right off the piano."

"What were you and Mr. Smith talking about in the parlor?," asked her mother.

"Oh, we were discussing our kith and kin," replied the young lady.

The mother looked dubiously at her daughter, whereupon her little brother, wishing to help his sister, said: "Yeth they wath, mother, I heard'em, Mr. Thenith asked her for a kith and she thaid, 'you kin'."

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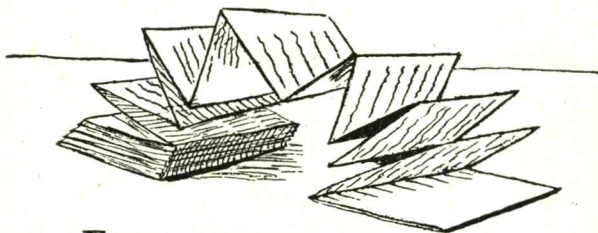
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GREEN KNOB

By Nola Harper

The most beautiful spot I know of is on the main top of Green Knob, Randolph County. Its attitude is four thousand seven hundred ten feet above the level of the sea.

The top of the mountain has an area of almost a square mile. There is a succession of high points extending in opposite directions from the one mentioned, but none are so high nor present such a scene of grandeur. By erosion, these points have been isolated from the great Alleghany Plateau.

The top of this knob is covered with a heavy growth of spruce timber. A number of these trees are more than one hundred fifty feet in height. The ground is covered with moss and ferns of many different shades of green, and promiscuously dotted with small shrubs.

Many years have elapsed since this moss began to grow; for old fallen trees and branches have mossed over, forming many beautiful arches and alleys.

In passing through this wood, one might think it a world of breathless silence, disturbed only by the gentle crush of the moss beneath his feet. The sun's piercing rays never find entrance to this beautiful palace built by the hand of nature.

Green Knob is visited by many persons on account of its history. The old Seneca Trail, is yet to be distinguished by a slight depression meandering through the forest, made by the moccasin of the red warrior and the hoof of the elk. But none who visit it on account of its historical connection, fail to make a second visit on account of its rare beauty. Along this trail did the Indian pause to deliver his defiant war-whoop, and then continued his silent journey.

These beings have long gone; they have left for us their foot-prints only, but nature seems from every tree and shrub, to tell of their secret haunts.

SHEPHERDSTOWN

By V. H., '16

It lies in a quiet valley—
This pictureque old town,
Where so many of our country's sons
Have won themselves renown.

Each breeze wafts out some history
To the people here today,
Of old Potomac's battlefields
And the graves of blue and gray.

Sharpsburg on still Antietam,
And Harpers Ferry too
Were once scenes of fierce battles
Between the gray and blue.

These places all remind us
Of the bloody scenes long past,
And we wonder, though the war is o'er,
How long the peace shall last.

We cross the calm Potomac
By the Pack-horse Ford so old
Where, in times of savage warfare
Our fathers crossed, we're told.

These were the staunch old pilgrims,
Who kept back the invader's hand;
These the noble warriors
Who died to free our land.

Our school was founded by them—
Men, loyal, honest, strong;
And to this same class of brave and true
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With such founders and such teachers,
Is it any wonder then
That Shepherd College still sends out
Noble women, brave, true men?

PROF. MILLER HONORED

In response to an appeal from the patrons, teachers and pupils of the Second ward school, the board of education of Fairmont Independent School District has about concluded to issue an order designating the fine new building on Pike street, "The Thomas C. Miller School."

The petition, which was signed by about five hundred persons, is as follows:

"The pupils, patrons and teachers of the Second and Third ward public school hold our former State Superintendent and fellow citizen, Thomas C. Miller in high esteem.

"In the years passed during his life among us we learned not only to respect him as an educator of ability and influence, but to love and cherish him as a friend and neighbor.

"We have long felt that it would be a pleasure to show in some way our regard for him.

"Very appropriate, indeed, has been the selection of his old home as the site for our modern school and we suggest that it be named 'The Miller School,' in his honor."

The board feels that the suggestion of the Second and Third ward people is a good one and it is likely that at the next meeting the contractor will be notified to cut a stone bearing this legend. "The Thomas C. Miller School," and put it over the front door in the place of the stone bearing the words, "Second Ward School."

At a later meeting the board decided that the new building being erected in the Second ward, will be known as "The Thomas C. Miller School," and a stone bearing this legend will be cut and placed above the front entrance to the building.

Prof. Miller was born at Barnsville. For many years he was principal of the Fairmont schools and later was State Superintendent of Schools. He is now president of the Normal school at Shepherdstown.—Fairmont Times.

THE SCOUT

The Scout has been so busy this term in various ways that even poor Rory got scant attention from him on his visits. His first and most enjoyable duty was welcoming the new students and hasn't there been a fine crowd of them this term? We have students from seventeen counties of our own State and from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and South Carolina. A busy, happy, wholesome crowd, two-hundred twenty-five strong, they have kept the faculty too busy even to think of getting cross. The Scout insists that we have never had a better looking, better-behaved body of students since the school was founded.

The Scout has had a little task on his hands to keep the teachers cheered up sometimes. They have all been worked to the limit because of our increased enrollment, and would get down hearted now and then. A spring term assistant was badly needed, but through a series of misunderstandings, was not secured. The work, however, has not suffered, because each teacher loyally took up a bit of extra burden and kept the standard up to its usual lofty altitude. But the Scout found it necessary a number of times to remind the various teachers of what a privilege they are enjoying in being able to offer instruction to this particular body of students. He foretells unusual success for this year's students—even having a president, two or three United States Senators, a suffragette leader, a great electrician and some other winners of fame spotted among our students, especially from the senior class.

The Scout has been bloated with importance the greater part of the term because he has had a little chance to help Dan Cupid adjust a case or two that had been in equity for some time. Rory sniffed disgustedly one day when a pair of radiant young lovers passed him and the Scout on the steps. The Scout was ready to annihilate him for it.

"Rory Byrne," he snorted, "if you want to continue bein' a friend of mine, you've got to stop castin' reflections on my charges. Where ever you get good looking, intelligent boys and girls together, there's goin' to be some love makin', and just because you're too old and crabbed to love or be loved, you needn't curl up your sneerin' lip at a bit of innocent nonsense. I've always held a high opinion of you, but if you want to join the ranks of a small class of disreputable idlers who sit about on the streets of

Shepherdstown and make hateful remarks every time they see a girl or woman so much as look at a member of the opposite sex, why-why," he sputtered, I'll thrash you. There are a few bipeds—I can't call them men—in this town who for such conduct as that, will never get their deserts till they take a course with Dr. Tarr and Professor Fethers."

The Senior class is all puffed up with pride because the teacher they named their class after is going to be married and take a voyage across the briny deep. The class feels its importance more than ever, because the announcement was made at the reception given them by their sponsor. Since then all the unmarried teachers in school have been begging the classes for years ahead to bear their names. The Scout is puzzled a little to know whose will be the second faculty announcement. He has an idea, but he won't tell. The students prophesy that it will be the youngest member of the faculty.

The summer school plans are occupying some of the Scout's attention now. There promises to be an unusually large enrollment. The demand for a summer school at Shepherd College becomes greater every year. This year there is a demand for much credit work by ambitious young men and women who teach for the greater part of the regular school year. There is also a considerable demand for arts and crafts and our principal is trying to arrange for instruction of this kind. The efficient work accomplished by Miss Ireland the past year has done much to popularize this work. The Scout struts about with a proud air of proprietorship whenever the subject of art in the public schools is mentioned, and says, "We have a good art department. You should see the handicraft exhibit by our seniors."

Excursions have been very popular this spring. A large number of students have been over the Antietam Battlefield, and the national cemetery at Sharpsburg, others have gone to Frederick, Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, Baltimore, Washington, Luray and other places of natural and historic interest. Several of our spring term students declare that a ride on the historic Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, a day spent in going over the Battlefield of Antietam and a few walks or drives through the prosperous farming and fruit-growing section has amply repaid them for coming here for the term even had they received no scholastic benefit. The Scout ventures to assert that no other normal school in the state can

offer equal interest. And he dares assert that the standard of scholarship and culture is in no degree below any of the other schools. It's in the air, this spirit of the best and nothing but the best. When our young people study—and the majority of them are faithful to requirements—they study with all their might. But look out! when they play, they do so with equal energy. A good example of their zeal in play was seen at the English Club picnic at Bellevue Spring May 20. About fifty students and teachers attended and as one boy said, they “played games as long as they could stand and then sat down and ate as long as they could swallow.”

The Scout declares most emphatically that our students do not expend all their zeal here in school, for we almost never hear of one of our graduates failing. When they go out into the world they know how to do things well and punctually, and they do them.

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When the representative of the McClure Company of Staunton, Virginia, showed our year book committee samples of the work of his company, the word went through the school that the 1913 Cohongoroota was likely to surpass any other book ever put out by the school.

The completed book which was distributed by the Editor-in-chief, Vernon L. Dyer, '14, met our highest expectations. The beautiful white ooze calf binding decorated in gold makes one long to peep beyond the snowy covers.

The engravings, the drawings and the printing, the rarity of typographical errors, makes this edition of the Cohongoroota one that any friend of Shepherd College may be proud to own.



In the short speech entitled "A Word of Greeting" delivered by O. L. Snyder on the Commencement program, a suggestion was thrown out for the establishment of a loan fund for the assistance of worthy students. Has it ever occurred to the alumni of Shepherd College—the loyal five hundred who have gone out

into various fields of usefulness—that a small contribution from each one of them each year would provide enough annually to pay some ambitious student's necessary expenses for a year at Shepherd College?

Just brush up your arithmetic and figure out what it would amount to if each graduate of Shepherd College contributed yearly the sum of fifty cents. Few of them would miss it, and what might it not result in? Think about it. Who will be the first to subscribe and pay annually fifty cents, seventy-five cents, one dollar? Who will have the honor of organizing "The Shepherd College Alumni Loan Association?"



The Picket has met with various unavoidable delays this year, and in consequence, has appeared late oftener than it has been out on time. It is the earnest desire of the management to give our subscribers and advertisers the worth of their money, even if we can not be punctual to the dot. Since the May number has been delayed until after Commencement, an effort will be made to get out a summer school number. Whether this effort meets with success or not, we want to thank our friends—the patient subscribers and advertisers because no very inconsistent complaints have come to us on account of these delays.



On June 4 our esteemed principal and Miss Harriet Somerville Hale who has been a teacher in the school for three years, were married in Staunton, Virginia. They returned and remained here until the evening of June 10 when they left for Boston from which port they were to sail on the White Star Liner, Canopic, June 12 for a trip to England and the Continent. The chief objective point will be Zurich, Switzerland, where they will attend the International Sunday School Convention. They are to sail on the return trip August 7.

A merry, mischievous crowd of students gave them a joyous send-off on the N. & W. 8.04 train June 10.

The Social Side of School Life

"All work and no play" is not a good pedagogical diet for any student, as our faculty fully realizes, but we always aim to suppress social life to a reasonably subordinate position in our schedule. Now and then, however, social events seem fairly to crowd upon us. The month of May was truly a red letter month for us this year.

On the evening of May fourth the faculty entertained the school at a most enjoyable reception. Very few of the students were absent, and as the faculty and a few friends watched them throng the corridor before the receiving line was formed they involuntarily exclaimed at the beauty, the tasteful attire and general culture evident in the assembly.

The entertainment feature of the evening, arranged by a committee consisting of Miss Waddell, Miss Hale and Mr. Kenamond, was unusually clever. It consisted of a voyage (imaginary) to Europe on the ship, Hilarity. Guessing contests on the names of parts of the vessel, famous books and authors and the names of flowers enlivened the voyage.

The evening was evidently enjoyed, if one may judge by the reluctance of the students to leave. Finally a member of the faculty had to tell them that the mayor had ordered the street light left on for a half hour longer than usual, but that only ten more remained of the time.

The Senior class banquet given by Principal Thomas C. Miller, was the most enjoyable feature of our year at Shepherd College. Besides the Senior class and the Faculty, there were present some of Principal Miller's most intimate friends. About 10 o'clock a five course banquet was served, after which Mrs. Gardiner took charge of the entertainment of the evening. It consisted of telegrams placed at the plate of each guest, all having been numbered. Each read in turn his telegram, which contained some clever hit on himself or some other guest. The last telegram, addressed to Mr. O. L. Snyder president of the Senior class, was a genuine telegram, which announced the engagement of Miss Harriet Somerville Hale and Mr. Thomas Condit Miller. They received the heartiest congratulations from the Senior class and Faculty. A short time was spent in Miss Barnes's room, where several musical selections were rendered. After that good nights were

said, and all left the hall feeling that they could not soon forget the happy surprise party.

The climax of the amusements for the Spring term at the college was attained on Saturday evening, May 24th, when the Juniors entertained the Seniors at a reception in the Music and Art rooms in the Old College Building.

All members of both classes were present together with the members of the faculty, who took an interested part, helping to make the evening more pleasant and profitable.

The hall was decorated most beautifully with the Senior colors, flowers, Japanese lanterns and as varied a collection of pennants as one often sees.

The entertainment consisted chiefly in the chance selection of partners, two magazine romances, a historical romance, vocal and instrumental music, and a voracious consumption of ice cream, cake and punch, which had been carefully and generously prepared by the Juniors.

The Seniors sang several beautiful songs, and after expressing their gratitude to the Juniors for their kindness, all departed with a full realization of the fact that all class prejudices were forgotten, that a final link had been added to the chain that binds our hearts together in mutual sympathy and heart-felt friendship, which are too sacred to be lightly broken or forgotten, that in the warm pressure of our hands in farewell, we had renewed the bonds which our fellowship in our Alma Mater had woven.

Mrs. M. E. Gibson, the teacher of Expression, entertained the Senior class and Faculty very delightfully in Miss Barnes's room, in the old College Building. The room was tastefully decorated, and during the evening several musical numbers were given, besides several recitations. In the course of the evening dainty refreshments were served. All spent a most enjoyable evening.

Echoes of Commencement Week

The opening of Commencement week began Wednesday evening June 4 when the department of Expression furnished the entertainment. The members of Mrs. Gibson's class delighted the audience with a program varied and interesting in selection and pleasingly rendered.

The Register for this week gave such an excellent report of the various functions that we are borrowing freely from its columns for the readers of the Picket.

MUSIC RECITAL

The recital of the music department, of which Miss Blanche Barnes is the head, was held Thursday evening, and was much enjoyed. The programme was excellently rendered by the pupils of this department, selections on the piano being rendered by Mrs. Dicken and Misses Helen Boswell, Mary Henkle, Virginia White, Ethel Hollida, Gertrude Muldoon and Mabel Boyd and Mark Wetzel. Solos were sung by Misses Elizabeth Banks and Hildred Marlatt and choruses by the Choral Club.

INTER-SOCIETY CONTEST

The annual contest between the Ciceronian and Parthenian literary societies was held on Friday evening in the presence of a large and interested audience. The contestants did exceptionally well, and the decisions were rendered with difficulty because of the excellence of all the participants. The essayists were Martha J. White, C. L. S., whose subject was the "Panama Canal." The P. L. S. essayist was Ethel Percy, who took for her subject "The Home and Industrial Evolution." The question for debate was, "Resolved, that the people should have the power of recall over all elective officials." Cecil Gates, P. L. S., upheld the affirmative, and Floyd Mathias, C. L. S., the negative. The orator for the C. L. S., Howard Phillips, took as his subject "The Peril of the Nation," while Oscar L. Snyder, P. L. S., spoke on "Modern Pioneers." The declaimers were Lula Early, C. L. S., who recited "Pro Patria," and Marion Billmyer, P. L. S., who recited "Ole Mistis." The judges, who were Prof. Pentuff, president of Powhatan College, Charles Town, Fred Miller, principal of the Hedgesville Schools, and William W. Downey, an attorney from Martinsburg, gave the essay and debate to the Ciceronians, and the oration and declamation to the Parthenians. The Cice-

ronians again came out victorious, having won fifty-five points out of one hundred. The banner for the declamation will belong for this year to the Parthenians. The music during the evening was furnished by the Shepherd College Choral Club and the Shepherdstown Orchestra.

THE COMPETITIVE DRILL

The competitive drill of the Cadet Corps Saturday morning on the campus was an interesting event. The soldiers were drilled by Sergeant Graham, of the U. S. Army, and Capt. Geo. L. Fisher, of Hagerstown, served as judge. The boys went through the military evolutions with great credit. After they had been dropped from the ranks one after another, three had been left who had drilled perfectly—Luther Flynn, Ford Thompson and Cecil Gates. They had been so efficient in their work that it was impossible to make a decision except by lot, and it being decided to cast lots, Sergeant Flynn won and had awarded to him the medal. The friends of the school and of the cadet corps were not entirely satisfied, however, and in a short time a fund was raised to secure Messrs. Gates and Thompson each a medal also, which was later presented to them—thus happily solving the difficulty and making honors equal.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

Instead of having the regular clas-day exercises, the class of 1913 gave a play entitled "Mose," a college comedy in three acts. The play was produced in the town hall on Saturday evening in the presence of an unusually large crowd. Mrs. Robert Gibson trained the seniors, and the success of the play was due to her capable management. The principal part, that of "Mose," a football hero, was taken by Oscar L. Snyder, while Hildred Marlatt and Martha White had the other leading parts. Ethel Percy, as frathouse matron, and Lloyd Chorpenning, as William Edward, her son, were especially good, and their cleverly acted parts added to the humour of the play. The singing was very enjoyable, and solos were sung by Hildred Marlatt, Bruce Dicken, G. L. LaRue, Pearl Shickle, William Winn, G. C. Bartlett, and Edith Dodd. Mabel Boyd was the accompanist for the evening.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

The sermon to the graduating class was delivered Sunday night by Rev. Dr. James S. Montgomery, pastor of the Metro-

politan Methodist Church of Washington, D. C. A very large audience was present. Dr. Montgomery's theme was "The Highest Mission," and his text was, "I have come to seek and to save that which was lost." The speaker held the tense interest of his audience from beginning to end of his most acceptable address. He was eloquent and earnest, and with effective illustration and picturesque imagery he made clear his points and drove home the truths he would impress upon the class and the people. Dr. Montgomery is an exceptionally eloquent and attractive speaker, and his address, which was helpful and inspiring, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who heard it.

FIELD DAY

Among the exercises made most prominent during commencement week was that of field day, June 9, 1913. The day was clear and cool, and as the program committee had done splendid work in its preparation, the occasion proved to be one of the most successful of its kind ever connected with the college athletics.

The exercises were held on the college athletic field east of town and were attended by a very large crowd, which was a distinct characteristic of all the exercises of the week.

The grounds and material, having been looked after by the athletic manager, Prof. Duke, were in an excellent condition.

The events were various and numerous. Those in which the boys only were allowed to participate, were divided into two parts, senior and junior events, in order to give each one a fair chance.

But the boys were not the only ones who were able to demonstrate their athletic efficiency in these exercises. The girls were able competitors and even though their events were limited to some extent, their participation was a most interesting feature of the occasion.

A strict account of the records made by each successful participant was kept by Prof. Duke, except on one occasion, when he became so deeply interested that he forgot to time a race. It was a most excellent race, and we have no doubt that a world's record was made, but then, interested as all of us were, it would be absurd to criticise him too harshly.

Prizes were awarded by the members of the faculty and the prominent citizens and business men of the town. Those who were successful in securing them are justly proud of them, not

only on account of their monetary value, but also on account of the fact that they are marks of success and come from those who are interested in our welfare.

Following is the program, including the events, the prizes, the donors and the names of those who won the prizes, respectively.

SENIOR EVENTS

100-yard Dash, Necktie, Mrs. Mary Gibson, won by A. S. DeHaven.

Shot put, Pair Silk Hose, T. B. Line, won by H. A. Rice.

120-yard Hurdles, Hair Brush, Mason Rush, won by Wm. Winn.

Hammer Throw, Pair Silk Hose, Rev. Freeman, won by J. Kesecker.

Discus Throw, Necktie, Mrs. M. H. Gardiner, won by H. T. Phillips.

220-yard Dash, Pair Silk Hose, H. L. Snyder, won by H. Staley.

Standing High Jump, S. C. Pennant, Prin. Miller, won by G. G. Lambert.

Running Broad Jump, Belt, Boyd Randal, won by Wm. Winn.

High Kick, Picture, B. S. Pendleton, won by H. T. Phillips.

Throwing Baseball, Cork Center Ball, A. A. , won by H. A. Rice.

Javelin Throw, Pennant, Mrs. J. W. Ware, won by O. F. Hedrick.

Running Bases, Pair Red Hose, W. M. Duke, won by Wm. Winn.

Hop, Step and Jump, Apollo Chocolates, Reinhart Bros., won by G. G. Lambert.

Mile Run, Loving Cup, Owens & Miller, won by Hubert Phares.

JUNIOR EVENTS

100-yard Dash, Prize, J. B. Wood, won by W. B. Hutton.

120-yard Hurdles, Prize, Louise J. Smith, won by W. B. Hutton.

220-yard Dash, Box Lowney's, Hill's Pharmacy, won by W. B. Hutton.

Running High Jump, Prize, Ella May Turner, won by W. B. Hutton.

Throwing Baseball. Baseball, A. D. Kenamond, won by E. W. Miller.

Javelin Throw, Prize, Eleanor B. Barnes, won by E. W. Miller.

Running Bases, Box Candy, J. H. Schoppert, won by W. B. Hutton.

Backward Race, Belt, Mrs. T. C. Miller, won by W. B. Hutton.

S-J Mile Run, Tie and Hose, H. M. Shell and W.M. Duke, won by E. W. Miller.

GIRLS' EVENTS

20-yard Dash, Box Lowneys, W. M. Duke, won by Bessie Williamson.

100-yard Dash, Bottle Perfume, Owens & Miller, won by Bessie Williamson.

Javelin Throw, Pennant, Mrs. H. W. Gardiner, won by Bessie Williamson.

Throwing Baseball, 2 Tennis Balls, A. D. Kenamond, won by Bessie Williamson.

Running Bases, Box Stationery, C. S. Musser, won by Bessie Williamson.

Backward Race, Tie, Boyd Randal, won by Nellie Sperow.

It might be added that several events were omitted for lack of time.

ALUMNI MEETING

The alumni business meeting was held Monday evening and was presided over by Walter M. Duke, president. The most important business transacted was the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, George M. Knott, class of '75; first vice-president, Dr. James M. Ranson, of Charles Town, class of '76; second vice-president, Mrs. Mollie Folk, class of '90; recording secretary, Ella May Turner, class of '95; corresponding secretary, Alice Banks, class of '06; treasurer, E. Rush Turner, class of '75.

The meeting was then adjourned to the auditorium, where an interesting programme was rendered by members of the Alumni Association. There were recitations by Elizabeth Butler, class of '03, and Minnie Stephens, of Hinton, class of '11; vocal solos by Samuel Williamson, class of '12, Louise Welshans, class of '07,

Elizabeth Banks, class of '11, and Wm. B. Snyder, class of '09; instrumental solos by Blanche Wilt and Rachel Snyder, class of '11; and a history of the class of 1900 by Mrs. St. Clair Clayton. After the exercises the class of 1913 was initiated into the Alumni Association and then all adjourned to the town hall, where the annual banquet was held. Walter M. Duke presided as toastmaster. Mrs. H. C. Getzendanner, of Charles Town, class of '77, to the toast, "A Feminine View of Rumsey," Dr. Ranson's subject was "Memories," Prof. T. C. Miller spoke of "Shepherd College," and Miss Ella Kelsey, class of '74, had for a subject, "The relation of school teaching to the home." Others who spoke briefly were W. J. Cunningham, class of '11, from Spencer, W. Va., Mrs. J. D. Muldoon, class of '99; Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, of Omaha, Neb., class of '94; George B. Folk, class of '05, and Cecil R. Gates, vice-president of the class of 1913.

COMMENCEMENT

At 9.30 a. m., Tuesday, June 10, the faculty of the school, the graduating class and official visitors and guests marched to the platform and were seated. Principal Thos. C. Miller presided at the exercises and announced the programme. After a two-piano selection had been rendered by Miss Barnes and Mrs. Dicken, and prayer offered by Rev. Chas. F. Freeman. "A Word of Greeting" was delivered by Oscar L. Snyder, president of the graduating class. Mr. Snyder referred to the continuous improvements that had been made at Shepherd College the past years and referred to the needs of the future. Dr. Robert A. Armstrong, of the West Virginia University, had been invited to deliver the annual address, and was introduced by Prof. Miller to the audience which gave him a hearty greeting. Dr. Armstrong chose for his subject, "Wanted: A Teacher," and in describing the sort of teacher in demand in these days named as the needed qualities Scholarship, Skill and Spirit. It was a masterly address—practical, yet full of poetry; earnest, yet enlivened with humor; scholarly, yet appealing to all tastes. We think a more generally appreciated address has not been delivered at Shepherd College—there was not a dull moment in it and the people were sorry when it was ended, for everybody had enjoyed it thoroughly.

After a piano solo by Miss Mabel Boyd, Hon. John R. Finley, of Parkersburg, member of the State Board of Regents, presented

the diplomas to the members of the graduating class. His speech of presentation was clever and appropriate and was appreciated by the class and by the audience. His thought was original and his language pleasingly graceful.

The medals offered to the students for excellence in the year's work were then announced—an event that had been anticipated with the deepest interest. Prof. Miller made the presentations, in well-chosen words of explanation and commendation. The medal carrying with it the senior honor, indicating the highest record in scholarship and deportment, was awarded to Luther Flynn. The medal for the best all-round student was awarded to Vernon L. Dyer, and the Dr. Leavell prize to the best student in chemistry was won by Miss Rella Harper.

"A Word of Appreciation," Miss Martha Jean White, was a literary gem, delivered with great expression and sweetness by this charming young graduate. Her tribute to the school and to the people of this community, her words of appreciation of the work of the faculty, her touching allusions to her fellow-members of the graduating class, were so appropriate and pleasing that she carried the audience with her in sympathetic understanding and won the greatest applause of the day. Miss Elizabeth Banks rendered very pleasingly a vocal solo, and after some appropriate remarks by Professor Miller, the exercises closed with the benediction by Rev. J. P. Feltner. Afterward the graduates were congratulated by their friends and received beautiful flowers and other gifts that were presented them, exchanged farewells, and then parted, soon to scatter to their homes in different sections of the State.

SMILES

There are no jokes in this issue because the flood of tears when our students left was so overwhelming as to wash away all vestiges of mirth left from the whole term. Never before has there been such a moist departure as this. The students cried on commencement, and the teachers cried—though they tried hard not to let it be known. There was more or less sniffing at each train, but the grief reached its climax at the 8.15 train the day after commencement. Such wailing and boo-hooing could never have been expected from a crowd of homesick young people. But we are glad they felt such deep regret at leaving us. The Exchange

Editor cried till her eyes were too sore to read up the Exchanges and so, dear Exchanges, we seem to be slighting you, but we are truly appreciative and shall always welcome you.

ENGLISH CLUB

The English Club has completed the most successful year of its existence. Although the entire year was pleasant and prosperous, the spring term took the lead of any term in the club's history for work accomplished. The April meeting, held in the music room, April 19, consisted of a program worthy of a far more pretentious organization. The subject was Birds, and was thoroughly delightful from beginning to end, showing conclusively that the performers had each observed their feathered friends to good purpose. The program closed with the club song and the club yell after which the guests and members repaired to the Studio.

Here a most pleasing sight met their eyes. Tables spread with snowy linen held plates for sixty persons. The viands, prepared almost entirely by the club girls, were so appetizing that our principal, in complimenting the club on its culinary ability, called it the embryo domestic science department of Shepherd College.

The May meeting took the form of a picnic held at Bellevue Spring, May 20. About fifty persons were present, including Principal Miller and his bride-to-be, Miss Hale, and Mrs. Floyd Branson Mathias, wife of one of our members. Games were played until all were unable to run any longer, then all sat on the ground where a lunch was spread, and ate till they could eat no longer.

More games, the school song, the club song and yell, and yells from various classes filled full the remaining time till it was necessary for all to start home if they wished to attend the Thomas illustrated lecture on Panama and the Panama Canal, which most of the club members and guests wished to hear. Virgil Canfield made the hit of the occasion by his rendition of the Freshman yell.

On the afternoon and evening of June 7, the club sold ice cream, home-made cake, candy and lemonade on the Campus in front of the Old College building. The amount cleared put the club on the level financially. The club now owns its own dishes and silver with a handsome mission china cabinet to hold them.

A piece of statuary, The Wrestlers, has been ordered by the club for the English class room. The officers for the year have been as follows:

Head—O. L. Snyder, fall term, Howard Phillips, winter term, Clifford Bartlett, spring term.

Scribe—Marguerite Billmyer fall term, Bess Williamson, winter term, Margaret Davis, spring term.

Counsel—Miss Waddell, fall term, Miss Waddell, winter term, Miss Waddell, spring term.

Vice Counsel—Kenny Rexrode, fall term, Cecil Gates, winter term, Howard Phillips, spring term.

Seekers—Bess Williamson, Howard Phillips fall term, Evelyn Billmyer, Clifford Bartlett, winter term, Mabel Hill, Cecil Gates, spring term.

Watch—Cecil Gates, fall term, Edgar Dolly, winter term, Ashby DeHaven, spring term.

Reporter—Evelyn Billmyer, fall term, Luther Flynn, winter term, Kenny Rexrode, spring term.

The limit of membership was almost reached this term, there being twenty-four regular members, the largest number within the history of the club. Already we are beginning to feel sad at the thought of losing so many of our members. Ten seniors leave at the end of this term. But we have this consolation: a number of bright Juniors and Sophomores will be waiting to fill up the ranks

The following officers were elected for the fall term.

Head—Harv Rollings.

Scribe—Florence Hartley.

Vice Counsel—Garnet Nelson.

Seekers—Bess Williamson, Roy Bell.

Watch—Frank Clapham.

Reporter —Marion Billmyer.

P. L. S. NOTES

The last meeting of the P. L. S. for the year 1912-13 was held Friday May 23. The regular program was dispensed with on account of having to elect officers for the Fall Term of the coming school year.

The following were elected to office:

President—Vernon L. Dyer.

Vice President—Clarence Roby.

Secretary—Sallie B. Wagoner.

Treasurer—Leslie Slonaker.

Critic—G. O. Nelson

Reporter—Elmer H. Grimm.

Sergeant—M. H. Fortney.

Each of our senior members spoke a few words of approval for the Society, telling of the excellent work it was doing, of the importance of doing literary work, and of the immense amount of good he or she had received from belonging to the P. L. S.

Their statements are fully verified when we allow ourselves to think for a few moments of the strong and efficient members of the Senior class who have been loyal workers of the P. L. S., ever ready to do the task assigned them.

We feel that we have able contestants and know that they will make an effort to act well their parts, an effort of which this Society will not be ashamed.

C. L. S. NOTES

Let our sister society, P. L. S., boast of its large membership. They have, all told, only an unlucky thirteen more than we.

Our boast is for superior quality. We are sure that our contestants will measure up favorably with those of our sister society. The only cause for real regret that we have at present is that ten of our best workers will go out as graduates at the end of the term. While we have no doubt of their success in their chosen work, we shall miss them greatly.

The officers for the fall term are as follows:

President—Floyd B. Mathias.

Vice President—Walter Herr.

Secretary—Mary Williamson.

Treasurer—Dorothy Ware.

Sergeant—Hurdle Kisamore.

Critic—Andrew F. Long.

Reporter—Florence Hartley.

Here's hoping we have not misplaced our confidence in our contestants, but that they may keep the banner aloft o'er dear old C. L. S.

WILLARD CLUB

The Willard Club is the very youngest of all the school organizations, but its lack of years has not prevented its accomplishing good results, exceptionally good results, considering the short time that has elapsed since its formation.

On the evening of March 28, 1913, a formal organization was effected with twenty charter members. The first staff of officers consisted of the following:

President—Ethel Percy.
Vice President—Edith Dodd.
Secretary—Edna Bunten.
Treasurer—Nellie Miller.
Critic—Sallie Wagoner.
Reporter—Charlotte Reinhart.
Sergeant—Marguerite Billmyer.

Over forty girls were members by the second week in May, and such questions as: "Resolved that the death penalty for crime should be abolished," "Resolved that there should be an educational qualification for citizenship in America by immigrants," "Resolved that persons either mentally or physically deficient should not be allowed to marry," and "Resolved that the money spent in building the Panama Canal would have been better spent in stamping out tuberculosis and other diseases" have been thoughtfully and earnestly debated.

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rang out with as much vim and force as the older and stronger organizations.

The following officers were elected for the fall term:

President—Sallie B. Wagoner.
Vice President—Nina Pownell.
Secretary—Dorothy Ware.
Treasurer—Marguerite Billmyer.
Critic—Bessie Williamson.

Reporter—Florence Hartley.

Sergeant—Margaret Osbourn.

With such an efficient staff, the club feels that it may reasonably look forward to a successful year for 1913-1914.

L'EXTEMPO NOTES

At the beginning of the spring term L'extempo took up its usual routine of work. Many spring students joined the society. The attendance has been fairly good and interest has been made manifest. On Friday evening, April 25, new officers were elected for the remainder of this term. It is hoped by all that L'extempo will be such that it will be very beneficial to all its members.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

As the year draws to a close we glance back over our work and wonder whether we have done all that could be expected of us, whether we have stood for all that a Young Woman's Christian Association should stand for in a school of this kind, whether we have lived Christianity every day, radiated it as we went about among our friends and classmates.

Fifty-five members have their names on our roll, but a number very far short of fifty-five has attended the meetings. This is not mentioned in a spirit of criticism, for every member has been loyal, and when called upon, willing to aid in any way possible.

The greatest achievement of this term was the sending of Mrs. Gardiner and Miss Sarah Folk to the convention at Richmond, Virginia. The talk of Mrs. Gardiner on her return was more than worth the expense of the delegates.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Our Association has held some very inspiring meetings this spring. Most of our young men are active workers and frank, straightforward talkers. While our number has been smaller than usual this year, the spirit of uplift has been prominent. "My brothers' keeper" was the position held by each member.

Clarence Roby was our delegate to the convention at Cincinnati. Though the meeting was chiefly a legislative assembly, Mr. Roby brought us much material for our instruction and encouragement.

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THE DUTY AND OPPORTUNITY OF TEACHING INTERNATIONAL PEACE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

By Miss Martha White, Class '13; awarded third prize in the American School Peace League.

The great battle of Antietam had been fought. It had been a terrific conflict. Both armies had done their best, but Lee and McClellan were almost disheartened. Thousands of dead and wounded were heaped upon the bloody field. A sturdy West Virginian, just out of his teens, was lingering between life and death, the struggle for life was not merely for his country, but because, somewhere in the mountains, was a sweetheart whom he ardently longed to see once more. But the ban of war had fallen upon him, and he died.

The scene changes, West Virginia is about to celebrate her fiftieth anniversary as a state. One little town in the mountain region is sad. They are holding the funeral of the little lady, whom every one in the village loved, and who had been a teacher for almost a half century. She was what many half sneeringly call an "old maid." But as the people looked at the sweet face and silvered hair, not a few remarked, "What a home she would have made for some noble man." The older people who had known her best never commented, for they knew that the terrible battle of Antietam had claimed the man she loved. As the minister uttered his closing words of "O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?" the little flock looked up to God and the substance of their simple prayer was, "Peace and love."

As that little flock prayed, they did not ask for universal peace or international peace. To them it was simply peace; peace sent down from Him who is the Prince of Peace;

Him who in the beginning of time promised us, "peace which passeth all understanding."

Over nineteen hundred years ago the Prince of Peace was born into the world to the strains of the angel music, "Peace on earth; good will among men;" and then it was that the substitution of the law of love for the old law of, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," was made. Although the principles of this Christ-like doctrine have been taught ever since, we find that international law and morality are still in a crude and primitive stage. It is held that nations are bound to abide by certain treaties, to be considerate in waging war, to desist from needless cruelty, and not to abuse the advantage obtained by victory. But since there is no written law more compelling than legislative, judicial and executive power, the individual government interprets international law in its own interests, but once heeding the maxim, "No man can be judge in his own case."

But the diffusion of Christian ideas and higher education throughout the earth, is preparing the minds of men for codes and judgment according to law, in just and impartial courts, for the supremacy of reason and fairness over violence and brute force.

Wireless telegraphy, electricity, postal advantages and commerce are bringing the nations slowly but surely together in one great brotherhood. This new and gentler idea of peace at this period in human history, considering the vast commercial interests involved in it, commends itself to statesmen, philanthropists and Christians with an impressiveness totally unknown before.

Probably the greatest opportunity for bringing about international peace lies in the school room. Though, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," was the theory that Solomon advanced, it is still true. The principles that should govern international affairs should be thoroughly impressed upon the young mind. The children in our schools today, tomor-

row, will be responsible for the burden of the world. Some one has said, "As the boy stores up impressions, prejudices, sympathies so the man legislates and the nation makes friends or foes."

The task of teaching peace in the class room is not an easy one though some who have not tried it choose to call it so. One word often carries a wrong impression to the inexperienced child's mind. Few of our school text books on history even approach accuracy. The majority of children, even of tender years, have been taught in their homes about the great military heroes Washington and Lincoln, Grant and Lee. The fact of their courage and skill in war should not be overlooked. Children should know that these men carried the nation safely through two great crises. But it should also be taught that a greater reason for admiration is that although Washington's life was endangered and embittered during his last term of office because he would not subject his people to the cruelty and injustice of war at the first provocation, he nevertheless held firm in his cause; that Lincoln, although the recognized leader in the war for the Union, hated the conflict, and endured it, merely because it seemed the only way to secure the freedom of the slaves and the conservation of the Union. Every child should know of Lincoln's love for both the north and the south. While the losses caused by the war in money and men should be emphasized, the compensating influences of emancipation and a firmly united country should not be overlooked or forgotten: "Why died we? Warn't it then to settle once for all that men wuz men?" The study of literature, relating to the victories of peace can be made useful. But material must be carefully selected. For, although the printing press has more recently been advocating the principles of peace, and has bound the nations together, by the interchange of thought that tends to lift them to the same moral and spiritual plane, it has also sown tares with the wheat in the minds of the youth of our land by giving such prominence to the glamour

of war. We would not underestimate the value of personal heroism and deeds of daring on the battlefield any the less than if performed elsewhere, but the prominence given these incidents both in history and literature tends to cultivate that militant spirit in human nature which is closely related to that shown in the lower animal life. Literature is justly charged with a martial spirit, the most thrilling climax is one that deals with physical violence and inhuman cruelty rather than peacefulness and justice.

Biographies and stories of men who have helped bring order out of chaos, men who study out the great scientific problems, poets, inventors, statesmen, and men who face death and all imaginable dangers, because they are up-holding a cause that is right, and one that is for the benefit of humanity—such history should be carefully studied.

Take for example James Russell Lowell whose career is familiar to so many school children, and who in less than than three years lost eight men out of his own immediate family, each under thirty years of age. It was the death of his nephews, who were young, scholarly men, graduated from Harvard with the highest honors, that caused Lowell to write:

“Taint right to hev the young go fust,
All throbblin’ full o’ gifts and graces,
Leaving life’s paupers dry as dust
To try and make believe fill their places;
Nothing but tells us wut we miss:
Their gaps our lives can’t never lay in,
An thet world seems so far from this,
Lef’ for us loafers to grow gray in.”

This is not the only example of men in the literary circle who could be mentioned as having suffered by the cruelties of war. It would be well at this point to show the students how so many times in war, the strongest, healthiest and most influential young men perish, and the weak and deformed are left to be fathers and supporters of the next generation. And then with the older students would come

in the problem of eugenics that is being widely discussed.

If Luther Burbank, the great scientist, in his effort to get strong and sturdy plants, would destroy all his healthiest vegetable growth and leave only the weak and defective, we should think him insane. Yet he would be no more insane than those who make a similiar claim of war.

John C. Van Dyke says, "You must look at pictures studiously, earnestly, honestly. It will take years before you come to a full appreciation of art; but when at last you have it, you will be possessed of one of the purest, loftiest and most ennobling pleasures that the civilized world can offer you. Children become acquainted with pictures by growing up with them, and they are influenced by those they study most. One teacher whom I knew came to the principal of our normal school for advice on a perplexing question of school-room decoration. Her predecessor had, with more zeal than judgment, raised money and purchased a number of what, to her doubtless seemed veritable gems of art. They were all pregnant with the horrors of war, battle scenes in which the blood spattered victims formed a gruesome spectacle, warships belching forth a fiery stream of destruction—all in the gaudiest of colors that fairly glared at any one who had the temerity to lift his eyes in their presence. Yet the children enjoyed them and thought them beautiful because the teacher had loved them. How much wiser it would have been for that teacher to consult some one known to be an authority on school-room decoration than to leave as a legacy to her successor pictures that would be an eyesore to them as long as they remained in the school.

The Madonnas are acknowledged as suitable pictures for any school-room. One might ask, of what interest would Madonnas be to the street urchin whose only idea of home is a place for eating and sleeping and to whom the word, "Mother" is too often associated with impatient blows and harsh tones. But may not the Madonnas teach him that after all, the world is full of love, and that it is not all war

and strife. Pictures of peace heroes would be valuable in the school room for did not the Great Stone Face shape and mold the character of more than one great man in New England?

Too often art has contributed to the encouragement of war. Battle scenes, portraits of great military leaders, tragic events in history are depicted on canvas and by other forms of illustrations which influence the mind, and accustom our youth to scenes of bloodshed and courage.

The sculptor's art from the days of Grecian ascendancy until the present has glorified war and bloodshed by the prominence given to the many who have been called the world's heroes. Does not the sweet face of Frances E. Willard, under the dome of our capitol at Washington, as it glows with all the beauty of womanhood tell a sweeter story of, "God and home and native land," than do all the statues in military equipage around her?

Do not Longfellow and Tennyson in Westminster Abbey appeal to our sense of beauty and home life as much as when we behold the warlike figure of the Duke of Wellington or even a Cromwell?

Music also might be made a potent factor in saturating the mind and heart of the child with the spirit of peace. David Mannes, head of the New York Music School Settlement, is quoted as saying in a recent address, "Music is in the heart of all the human race, and should be encouraged as a bond of brotherhood. It is not merely an entertainment, it is an adoration. It has meant more than life to many children. Imagination is the most precious gift given to mankind. It is through this that music carries to every heart the light of the ideal." Since music so unobtrusively, yet so swiftly and so surely carries its message straight to the heart, how important is the choice of music to be used in our schools and for the ears of our pupils. Give them the uplifting strains of sublimity and grandeur instead of the blood-stirring martial airs that make them unconsciously straighten to "Attention," and the message will be, "peace,

peace, peace and love."

That history which deals with the relation of nations affords perhaps the best opportunity for studying the great theme of international peace. History as it is taught in many of our smaller schools is chiefly a narration of the events of war, is less now than it has ever been because public sentiment is dictating that the record of courage and bloodshed is positively injurious to the minds of the young. In our study of the world's history we find that every nation has had its mission, and as it was fulfilled, its influence either survived or perpetuated itself in another form. The Jew will live always through the Bible, Rome through its laws and Greece through its culture. But Rome and Greece fell. And why? Study history, and trace the bearings of war on Eugenics. The decline of Rome and Greece can be traced directly to their great losses in war. It is estimated that three hundred thousand Italians, and most of them Romans of the very best stock, were killed in the Punic wars. To the loss through war might be added the judicial murder of the most talented and most influential in Greece, due to the narrow minded Princes and the wholesale proscriptions in Rome, where, on one occasion ninety senators and twenty-six hundred knights, and on another one hundred senators and two thousand knights were the victims. Some one may claim that the decline of Rome was due to moral conditions. But this is not altogether true. It fell because the best blood of Rome had been spilled upon the battlefield and at the block.

These things can be explained to the school children so that they will understand. Any child will admire the strong healthy man, wish to be like him, and try to be a little more than the common ditch worker.

The heroes of peace have been neglected. They do not stand out as heroes in history. How much more good have the men who put themselves in the danger of malaria and who died that suffering humanity might find out whence malaria came, than some of our military heroes?

The surgeon of the United States Army who lost his life while investigating the cause of yellow fever, was as much a hero as ever faced shot and shell on the battle-field. David Livingstone gave his life as a sacrifice that Africa might learn of the goodness and greatness of our God. And be redeemed from slavery and a bondage worse than death. The cleanly and hygienic condition of Havana to-day may be considered the monument over the grave of Colonel Waring who gave his life that the Cubans of that beautiful city might live. * * * *

There are so many men who have given their lives for humanity that an ordinary history could not narrate the story. It seems strange that even in our civilized countries a bit of scandal will travel like wild fire from continent to continent while the deeds of these heroes of peace are not even mentioned. At a school I once visited the teacher discussed the popular scandal of the day, at the recess hour, with her pupils. The "blood and thunder" side of war might well be eliminated from our teaching, in several ways, for war, as Lowell says is murder.

"Ez fer war, I call it murder,—
There you hav it plain an' flat;
And I don't haf to go no further
Than my testymet fer that.

War, if discussed in the right way, may be considered as a plea for international peace itself. Johnny might "lick" Bobby in a hand to hand fight, and yet Bobby might be the better boy and all the sympathy be with him. So it is in war it is not always the right that wins.

But in teaching history the teacher must not be partial or prejudiced in his views concerning great social and national events, but be broadminded enough to see the right wherever it may be found.

An example in American history concerning which misunderstanding is rife is the treatment of the tories of the Revolution. Many of our textbooks would lead us to believe that they were evil minded ignorant men, who opposed

liberty and freedom in the colonies because they thought a monarch was better than a Republic. The fact is, that among the Tories were many of the most highly educated and cultured leaders in the colonies. And they opposed the movement for separation not so much for the end in view, as on account of the methods used by those who were recognized as leaders.

Historical facts of this character should be explained by the teacher in the school room, so, that our youth will have a better conception of many important events in our national life. We can use our own Mexican war, the Spanish American war and the war between England and South Africa as striking examples of the unfairness and terrible injustice of war.

In all the great stock-yards of the country there is one position the salary of which is higher comparatively than any other, Why? Because there are only a few men who will let themselves be pointed out as a slaughterer, even of animal life, one who stands day after day at the machines and takes the lives of helpless animals. Children will see readily that the slaughterer of men is certainly not any more honorable.

Military schools and military training in the schools seem to be out of place. If we train our young men in the arts of war they will want to practice what they have learned. Increase the Army and Navy and what can be hoped for except that opportunity will be made for their use? The strict training which makes our military men so firm and decided in business is worth while, but could it not be given in vocational schools instead?

Geography could be made practical in connection with the peace movement. The geographical magazines and readers are full of the beauty, culture and interesting customs as well as the misery and squalor of all the countries. The Andes mountains have come to mean more than a mere mountain range, for the colossal figure of the Christ, standing on the highest peak, signifies not only peace and good

will to Argentine and Chili but should inspire all the South American countries with the same ennobling sentiment. The Panama canal is not merely a big ditch, but an opening up of commercial intercourse with other nations that will revolutionize the world.

The great social and industrial problems of the day demand the gravest consideration that man can give. Shall we accept the work of a Jane Addams, a Charles W. Sheldon, a Lula LaFollette or Booker T. Washington as a smaller contribution to the world's progress than that of some martinet decked with tinsel and gold, with a sword at his side proudly receiving the adulation of a public sentiment which does not rest on a properly conceived basis?

Even mathematics can be used in the work of teaching peace. Statistics tell us that armaments in the past thirty years have cost the United States about four billions of dollars, and that without increasing our present annual expenditure, we bid fair to pay out eight billions and more within the next thirty years. It would be interesting for the school children to be shown that since the birth of Christ, but a few more than a billion minutes have passed into history. A minute seems a trifling space of time, and a dollar a small sum, yet since the beginning of the Christian era there have been but few more than a billion minutes, and the silver dollars would plate the sides of every battleship in the United States Navy. And yet probably four times this much has been expended in the shedding of human blood.

The pupil can learn from reckoning the expenditure of the United States government on the army and navy, and on pensions the legacy of past wars, that we spend in this way an average of twenty-five dollars a year for every family of five persons. It would be good for the student to know that in many cases the initial cost of a United States battleship is larger than all the grounds and buildings and productive funds of all the colleges and universities in the state, whose name the battleship bears. This is true of fif-

teen of our battleships. And the annual cost of the largest ships amounts to over three-quarters of a million each.

The children can be shown what great educational advantages might be provided with only a part of our enormous expenditure for war. Of course, as the teacher presents the different subjects with their relations to peace and war, he must work carefully. Every child has his hero, and whether he be a war or peace hero, the characteristics of the individual for good or evil can be shown by analysing the traits that enabled him to attain his high position and led to his enthronement in the child's mind. It is well worth a trial for perhaps under the face and torn blouse of the child is the heart and mind of a Louis Agassiz, a David Starr Gordon, a Queen Victoria, a Florence Nightingale or a Clara Barton.

Besides the emphasis to be placed on the arts of peace in the daily work, especial exercises of value can be presented. There are many days when a program could be given in commemoration of the peace heroes. There is no excuse for a teacher's not having at least one peace day program during each school term.

Much remains to be done by every institution and organization that stands for a higher and nobler type of civilization, if the United States is to take the lead in the peace movement, as we feel it our duty to do. But upon no institution of our nation rests as heavy responsibility as upon the public schools. A minister discussing the peace problem with an earnest little teacher, remarked that she held one of the most important positions in the land, and that her responsibility was as great as the greatest. Please, she begged, "don't remind me of the responsibility. That is a thought so overpowering that I try to keep it in the background, and think only of how I can utilize my resources to secure the best results. I know well that the molding of the future of America is in the hands of the public schools of to-day, and when I consider how few teachers realize the needs that humanity has mapped out for them, I wish my strength were as the strength of ten."

SUMMER SCHOOL.

(Tune, Jingle Bells)

The following song written by Miss Lillian Stump, '11 was awarded a prize at the summer session of the University of Virginia, 1913.

Inspiration flow
At the good old U. Va.
It's the place to go,
So pray, do not delay.
Education rings
Fitting us for work,
Encouragement to us it brings
Our duty we'll not shirk.

Chorus.

Summer School!
Summer School!
Dear old U. Va.
We learn so much while we're with you,
We hate to go away.
Cramming as we go,
With an open book in hand,
Things that we don't know
Yet want to understand.
Kind instructors sigh
To see us work that way,
But there's so much for us to learn
While at the U. Va.
Tall buildings loom in air,
They're covered up with vine.
The architecture's rare
And everything is fine.
O'er the campus is a view
It's such a pretty one.
Pray, don't forget that credit's due
To Thomas Jefferson.

A WORD OF GREETING.

Members of the Board, Faculty, friends and fellow students, we are glad to greet you on this our commencement day. For 41 years Shepherd College has been in existence as a state institution. During this time there has been in attendance within her walls more than 5,000 students.

With the present graduating class she will have sent out 500 graduates, many of whom are occupying positions in our state and nation. We the class of nineteen hundred thirteen here assembled before you this morning represent twelve counties of West Virginia, besides the states of Maryland, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

The greater number of the class have received their entire training in this institution and have been in attendance from one to five years. During our stay here at Shepherd College, we have seen many improvements. Our campus has been almost doubled in size. A sewerage system has been installed, several thousand volumes have been added to the library, a department of art has been created.

We rejoice that our last State Legislature was so generous as to provide funds for creating a dormitory for girls, and we hope the time is not far distant when something similar shall be provided for the boys. We believe that you Gentlemen, Board of Regents, have the best interests of this institution at heart and that you will never permit a single opportunity to pass without doing all in your power to make this institution more efficient, for preparing young men and young women to meet and successfully overcome the great problems that must confront them in this wonderful age of progress.

Situated as Shepherd College is here in one of the best agricultural regions of West Virginia and in the midst of one of the finest fruit belts, not only of West Virginia, but of the world, we believe that the subject of horticulture ought to be emphasized. We believe that this institution ought to have under its control a small farm for the purpose of furthering the scientific study of agriculture and horti-

culture. Why should we not emphasize the study of these subjects best adapted to our location, when all the other leading Normal Schools of America are specializing.

There are a number of desirable improvements along this line that would add materially to the influence of this institution. For example the teaching of domestic science and the establishment of a commercial department. These departments we believe would increase our enrollment at least twenty-five per cent., and are not only desirable but are necessary in order for us to keep apace with this progressive age. With these increased demands for this public service, better equipment and a greater number of instructors will become necessary. In fact, our unusually large enrollment of the past term kept every teacher worked to the very limit of time and energy. But we have no doubt that you, gentlemen of the Board, will do all you can to assist Shepherd College in rendering this larger service to the state to the end that the standard of citizenship may be continually advanced.

There is one need which the state could hardly be expected to meet. The state performed a generous part when it provided the young people within its limits such a school free of tuition, but living expenses, books, clothing and traveling expenses soon exhaust a small savings and many an ambitious student has been compelled to go out and work to earn money for his last year, when that year would have rounded out his training and enabled him to secure a much better position and higher salary. If a loan fund could be established from which to lend worthy students, sums not in excess of \$300 and for periods of not more than two years, at small interest, the amount of good done would be almost inconceivable.

Here is an open field for the Alumni, who have won success and comfortable fortunes or for some wealthy Jeffersonian philanthropist. Again we welcome you to the exercises this morning and hope this commencement will mark another important epoch in the history of Shepherd College.

O. L. Snyder. '13

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The Picket truly has a paradoxical existence—she hibernates during the summer months. But the period of her hibernation has again come to a close, and the recurrence of student life upon the campus calls her from her slumbers to make known to the public the ambitions and possibilities of a student body filled with interest and originality.

Despite the fact that a less experienced person than customary is at the "wheel," with the energetic crew of this session lined-up beside him, our little paper seems to be headed for a joyous and successful journey during the school year of '13 and '14.

A special attempt will be made this year to give a complete reflection of the life about the college, both in the regularly organized school and society work and in the recreative features, all of which are well provided for and carefully guarded by an interested faculty. To accomplish this desired purpose, friend subscriber, your sympathy and support are needed. Therefore, grant them to us in liberal subscriptions, in frequent contributions, and in cheery letters to the board of editors.

The real success and value of the publication will be determined by the efforts exerted by the student body. The staff can only pledge faithful work and hope the monthly may be well received in the homes of our friends and alumni.

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September 17th marks the beginning of things among Shepherd College students—things too numerous to count, some too remote and too disguised to divine, and many of them too deep to fathom. We hope all these beginnings may have their culmination in the preparation of every student for a place in the fields where the harvest is truly plenteous but the laborers few, and in leading him to such accomplishments as will reflect honor upon his alma mater and elicit praise for himself.

We estimate the educated man of today by his vision of life beyond the limits of a prescribed curriculum. The sovereignty of the intelligent man is ever-growing and demands in every aspiring soul an inspiration and a degree of appreciation of the Creator as expressed in the natural talents of men and in their accomplishments that can be attained only by their contact with master minds.

Most colleges with enrollments not exceeding that of

Shepherd College arrange for each school session, a lyceum course in which there is always a splendid array of talent and which the earnest student can not well afford to let pass unnoticed; and the person who for the sake of an admission fee, sacrifices what is to be gained from the display of such talents and accomplishments, sells for that much a part of his intellectual development. Why cannot a series of high class lectures and entertainments be arranged for in Shepherd College? Just think how you have regarded them in past years and the answer to this question will come to you as a natural consequence. When the students, townsfolk and the rural people are awakened to the value of these things, then, and not until then, can they be had as a part of the instruction in this school.

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It is a fact conceded by all that there can be no school without instructors. We go a step further and emphatically declare that even the work of editing a school paper would prove very burdensome and likely result in failure if it were not for the careful supervision and general assistance of a corps of good teachers. Hence, we feel it a duty to make special mention of our faculty in this issue.

For the school session of '13 and '14 there has been but one change made in this body of co-workers. This change has resulted from the resignation of Miss Waddell, teacher of English, and the appointment of Mr. J. D. Muldoon to the course formerly taught by Miss Turner.

Miss Turner, who has done graduate work in English at the West Virginia University and Cornell University, is now at the head of the English Department.

Mr. Muldoon returns to Shepherd College after an absence of four years. We feel that Mr. Muldoon is quite an acquisition, not only because he is an able instructor, but also because of his keen interest in athletics and music.

The other members of the faculty having had a long

period for rest and recreation, returned at the beginning of this session and have entered upon their respective duties with enthusiasm. May their example be an inspiration to every student.



RECEPTION AT SHEPHERD COLLEGE.

On Friday evening, October 10th, the faculty of Shepherd College tendered to the student body and the class of 1913, the annual fall term reception. The library and study hall adjoining were attractively decorated with potted plants and autumn leaves and presented a most pleasing appearance. The Shepherd College orchestra furnished music during the evening. The entertainment opened by a program consisting of a piano solo by Miss Eleanor Blanche Barnes, a reading by Mr. Walter M. Duke, selection by the girls' chorus and a talk on his travels in Europe by Prof. Thos. C. Miller, all of which were much enjoyed and appreciated. A clever feature of the evening was a conundrum match, conducted as an old-fashioned spelling bee. This was a test of ready wit and afforded much merriment. Pleasing refreshments were served later in the evening.

The members of the class of 1913 present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Decker, Misses Ada and Pearl Shickle, Charlotte Reinhart, Nellie Miller, Sarah Folk, Helen Boswell, and Messrs. Oscar L. Snyder and Roger Clapham.



HOW TO KILL A COLLEGE PAPER.

- 1.—Do not subscribe; borrow your neighbor's paper; be a sponge.
- 2.—Look up the advertisements, then trade with the other fellow; be a chump.
- 3.—Never hand in a news item, but criticize everything in the paper; be a coxcomb.

4.—If you are a member of the staff, play football and tennis, when you ought to be attending to business; be a shirk.

5.—Tell your neighbors that they pay too much for their paper; be a squeezer.—Ed.



ALUMNI NOTES.

It will be a source of gratification to friends of this school to learn that every member of last year's graduating class, with the exception of two or three who have chosen vocations other than teaching and a few who are continuing their work at universities and colleges, have secured desirable positions as teachers in the State. This speaks well for the School and its work. Those who have responded to the call for Normal graduates as teachers are as follows:

G. C. Bartlett, Principal, Bunker Hill, Jefferson County.
A. S. DeHaven, Teacher, Romney, Hampshire County.
Luther Flynn, Principal, Huntersville, Pocahontas County.
Cecil Gates, Teacher, Paw Paw, Morgan County.
Jesse Keesecker, Teacher, Tomahawk, Berkeley County.
G. H. LaRue, Principal, Academy, Pocahontas County.
J. M. Perus, Principal, Tanark, Raleigh County.
K. T. Rexrode, Principal, Stony Bottom, Pocahontas County.
O. L. Snyder, Principal, Hooge St. School, Martinsburg.
C. W. Sperow, Teacher, Tanark, Raleigh County.
Evelyn Billmyer, Teacher, Leetown, Jefferson County.
Mabel Boyd, Teacher, Thomas, Tucker County.
Edith Dodd, Teacher, Rowlesburg, Preston County.
Lula Early, Teacher, Hinton, Summers County.
Sara Folk, Teacher, Oak View, Berkeley County.
Rella Harper, Teacher, Thomas, Tucker County.
Ruth Licklider, Teacher, Cowen, Webster County.
Hildred Marlatt, Teacher, Halltown, Jefferson County.
Nellie Miller, Teacher, Bedington, Berkeley County.

Ethel Pearcy, Teacher, Clarksburg, Harrison County.
Charlotte Reinhart, Teacher, Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co
Ada Shickle, Teacher, Martinsburg, Berkeley County.
Pearl Shickle, Teacher, Martinsburg, Berkeley County.
Dora Swayne, Teacher, Gerrardstown, Berkeley County.
Ora Swayne, Teacher, Fairmont School, Myerstown, Jefferson County.

Martha White, Teacher, Tunnelton, Preston County.

Mr. O. W. Snarr, Class 1912, Principal of High School at Romney, visited friends in this vicinity recently.

O. L. Snyder, Class 1913, Principal Hooge Street School, Martinsburg, was in town recently. He speaks most encouragingly of his work there. Mr. Snyder was President of last year's Senior class and one of our strongest men. We congratulate him on his appointment to this most responsible position and feel sure the same success that marked his efforts here will attend his work as a teacher.

Misses Ora and Dora Swayne, Class 1913, were visitors at their home a few days ago. The former is teaching at Gerrardstown, Berkeley County, the latter near Kabletown, Jefferson County.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dicken, Class 1913, are living in Martinsburg, where Mr. Dicken is engaged in the Automobile business. Through purchase, Mr. Dicken and Mr. Carr have become proprietors of the Berkeley Garage. We wish them success in their new business venture.

Miss Elizabeth Price Butler, Class 1902, announced her engagement recently to Mr. Henry Hunter Burke, of Roanoke, Virginia. The wedding will take place in the Episcopal Church, Shepherdstown, October 29th.

Miss Mary Pendleton, Class 1905, and Mr. Charles Pearson, of Bluefield, were married at the home of her uncle, Mr. Thos. J. Rickard, in Hagerstown, October 7th. They will make their home in Bluefield.

Mr. Robert Gardiner, Phgr. D., Class 1911, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland, is vis

iting his mother, Mrs. Mabel Henshaw Gardiner, of the Faculty.

Mr. Cecil R. Gates, Class 1913, and Miss Margaret Scott, of Berkeley Springs, were married recently.

Some of our graduates who are enrolled in universities and colleges are as follows: Howard Troy Phillips, Class 1913, West Virginia University. E. E. Hobbs and Marvin H. Porterfield, Class 1913, University of Maryland. W. M. Winn, Class 1913, Davidson College, North Carolina. Mabel Hill, Class 1913, West Virginia University. Mr. Guy Crigler, Class 1912, is principal of the school at Ridgley, near Cumberland.

Mr. Frank Yates, Class 1912, has been appointed assistant principal of High School at Franklin, W. Va.

Mr. R. M. Golladay, Class 1912, is teaching this year in the Institution for the Deaf and Blind at Romney, W. Va.

We regret to announce that Miss Jessie Hoffman, Class 1901, has gone to Omaha, Nebraska, where she will make her home with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Class 1894. Miss Hoffman has been a teacher in the Graded School here for several years. Her friends will miss her.



EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Dr. Carl G. Doney, President of Wesleyan College, has been granted a year's leave of absence that he may spend the time abroad in study and travel.

The scarcity of teachers in some sections of the country points again to the salary problem as a fundamental stumbling block to school progress.

Mr. L. W. Burns has resigned as Superintendent of the Montgomery Preparatory School and accepted the position as Superintendent of the Grafton High School.

There were students at the University Summer School from every county in the state except four. This is excellent evidence of the splendid spirit of West Virginia

teachers.

Dr. Charles E. Hogg, Dean of the College of Law of the West Virginia University, has resigned, and will resume his law practice at Point Pleasant. Dean Hogg has had charge of the law school for the past six years.

Dr. S. P. Hatton, formerly President of Powhatan College, has been elected District Superintendent of Dry Fork District in Tucker County. His friends are glad to see him back in school work in West Virginia.

Mr. J. F. Marsh, Secretary of the State Board of Regents, has returned to West Virginia after a pleasant trip in Europe with the National Agricultural Commission. Mr. Marsh will publish in the Educator a series of articles on his travels.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young has resigned her position as superintendent of the Chicago schools.

According to the figures compiled by E. D. Greenman of the United States Bureau of Education, over ninety per cent. of the High Schools in the United States have libraries.

The last meeting of the National Education Association was held at Salt Lake City last July. The mid-winter session will be held at Richmond in February.



Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

(Nellie Greider.)

The Y. W. C. A. has successfully organized for the year and hopes for more earnest work and increased membership. We extend a sincere invitation to all the girls in school to become affiliated with the association, and particularly will we welcome all the new students. We have added the following names to our roll:

Beulah Hardman, Hilda Doggett, Emma Riner, Gertrude Clary, and Elizabeth Nelson.

At the second meeting of the term, Dorothy Ware gave an interesting account of what she learned at Y. W. C. A. Convention held at Eagles Mere this summer. Mary Williamson also told us something of the trip, but we feel sure that she will have other interesting things to tell us in the future.

With their hints from the convention, we expect to do more enthusiastic work among the girls, and we hope that more interest will be shown during this year. If each girl will do her part, surely we can arouse more to help in this great work.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

(Arthur E. Ruark)

Although decreased in membership at present, the Y. M. C. A. hopes to build up a strong association and to accomplish a successful year's work. As the president and the treasurer did not return to school this year, the following officers were elected to fill these vacancies:

President, Clarence Roby.

Treasurer, Charles O. Hiser.

Secretary, Don. J. VonDevander, (to fill position vacated by Mr. Roby).

We wish the new officers success and trust that our helpful meetings may continue. We are sure any young man in the school would be greatly benefited by joining the Y. M. C. A. and attending the meetings. Why not affiliate yourself with us? This means you.



PARTHENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

(Edwin G. Lewis.)

The Parthenian Literary Society has opened the term's work under most favorable conditions. The meetings have been well attended and the programs well rendered.

Although we lost some good Parthenian workers when the graduates departed last June, we still have some very enthusiastic members, and these with the aid of the new members will doubtless make this a profitable school year. We feel and know that we are doing good work and hope to surpass the standard fixed in former years.

We extend to the following new members a cordial welcome and hope that they will be benefited in the exercises of our society:

Hazel Martin	P. H. Lowry
Agnes Bell	C. L. Hutton
Ruth Hickel	Lester Ours
Elizabeth Nelson	Herbert Lowry
Emma Riner	George Hartzell
Bertha Overholt	Reed Myers
Glenn A. Keister	Henry Sigler
B. F. Harper	H. A. Rice

The officers of the society are as follows:

President, Vernon L. Dyer.

Vice-President, Clarence Roby.

Secretary, Sallie Wagoner.

Treasurer, Leslie Slonaker.

Critic, Garnett O. Nelson.

Reporter, Edwin G. Lewis.

Sergeant, Arthur Ruark.



CICERONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

(Florence Hartley.)

Considering the few meetings we have had this term, our society has been doing very good work. We started in with a full force at our first meeting, as is our custom. This term bids fair to be a remarkable one in the history of our society.

The members are all working with great enthusiasm to increase the membership of the society and we feel sure they will work with as much enthusiasm in the preparation

and rendition of the society programs.

The new members that we have received this term are:

Vivian Wheaton	Ella Brillhart
Virginia Gaunt	Frances Brillhart
Sidney Fearfatt	Ryneal Hammersla
W. P. Larnier	Naomi Dugan
Joe Miller	Nettie Gates
Roy A. Bell	James Shanholzer

We extend to the new students a hearty invitation to join the Ciceronian Literary Society and help to raise it to a standard never before attained.



L'EXTEMPO NOTES.

(D. J. VanDevander.)

Notwithstanding the fact that the membership of the L'extempo was somewhat decreased by the graduation last spring of some of its loyal workers, we have made a good start with the members who returned to school this year. The boys have taken up the work of this organization with the determination to make this one of the most successful years in the history of the society.

Already several new names have been added to the roll. We extend a sincere invitation to all the new boys who desire the training to be acquired in the work of the L'extempo and are willing to devote to it the required time, to affiliate themselves with us.

The officers elected for the ensuing term are:

President, Arnold F. Mish.
 Vice-President, Charles O. Hiser.
 Secretary, Guy P. Thompson.
 Treasurer, William Lemen.
 Critic, Vernon L. Dyer.
 Reporter, Don J. VanDevander.
 Sergeant, Hurdle Kisamore.

CADET NOTES.

(W. B. Hutton.)

The outlook for the cadet corps is not very promising. The old members seem to have lost interest for very few have reported for drill. Although many new men have joined the corps, not much can be accomplished without officers. The members of the cadet corps will have the opportunity of receiving instruction from an army officer, for Sergeant Graham who was with us last year, will be here again this fall to help the cadet corps in learning new drills and movements.

The officers for this year are:

W. B. Hutton, Captain.

R. S. VanMetre, First Lieutenant.

F. B. Thompson, Second Lieutenant.

Roy Parsons, Quartermaster.

J. K. Miller, Chief Musician.

**ENGLISH CLUB NOTES.**

(Marion Billmyer.)

The English Club has had several business meetings this term and is expecting to progress in its work as it has done in former years. Miss Waddell, the former Head of the English Department, is missed greatly and so also are the members of the English Club who graduated in the class of '13.

Nevertheless, Miss Turner, who now has charge of the English work, has offered to assist as much as possible. Some of the students are now eligible to membership, and with increased number we hope for a successful year. The first literary and social meeting will be held sometime during the month of October.

WILLARD CLUB NOTES.

(Florence Hartley.)

In spite of the pleasant evenings and many outside attractions the Willard Club has had profitable meetings. The members have been faithful in attendance and performance of duties. There have been no vacancies in the programs and the work has not fallen below the former standard of excellence.

So far the membership is small but the prospect for more members looks bright. Great interest seems to be manifested among the girls towards the Willard Club. We hope it will continue and that the new girls will avail themselves of the opportunity to join this organization.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the names of the following new members:

Dorothy Fulton, Elizabeth Nelson, Hilda Doggett, Emma Riner, Gertrude Clary and Ruth Hickel.

**EXCHANGE NOTES.**

The exchanges received in former years have been a source of much pleasure and profit to the school. We hope this year to receive publications from all the schools that have favored us in the past and also to add many new names to our roll. The following is a list of our exchanges for last year:

The Tattler, The Beaver, The Tiger, The Wa-Wa, The Book Strap, The Sanborn Echo, The West Virginia Tablet, The Clarion, Glenville Normal Bulletin, Bethany Collegian, The Acta, the Pageant, Lutheran Normal School Mirror, Gazette, Allegheny Breezes, The Triakonta, The Tiltonian, The Venture, The Anchor, The Lemon and Black, The Antiochian, The X-Ray, The Preparatory Herald, The Gordonian, The Orange and White, The Rockford Ralla, Orange Peals, The Seminarian, The Review, The Dart, The Dickensonian, The Pine Cone, Plain Talk, the Pharos, The Rustler,

William Woods College Record, The Frances Shimer Record, The High School Signal, The Hannah More Academy, The Argonaut, the News, Rayon Record and The Record.



LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Professor and Mrs. Miller spent their vacation in Europe. We are anticipating some interesting talks in regard to their travels.

We have a college song. We hope every new student may learn it and that the halls may ring with the old familiar tune.

Mr. Guy P. Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28, at the home of Mr. Bryan Houser near Bakerton.

Our enrollment exceeds any fall term enrollment in the history of the school, there being a total of one hundred and seventy-two students.

Miss Ryneal Hammersla was called to her home at North Mountain on September 20th by the death of her brother. The sympathy of the student body is extended to her.

A group of last year's Juniors walked into the college building. Mr. Duke (on seeing them) "My, what shall I do without you this year? Mr. Nelson (looking up very meekly) "Why, Mr. Duke, last year you were wondering what you were going to do with us."

We regret that Mr. John Shanholtzer was compelled to leave school on account of ill health.

Mr. W. A. Prilliman, a former student of Shepherd College, spent Monday, October 6th, in Shepherdstown.

One of the College boys speaking of his accomplishments: "The only things I can do are to hit the tennis balls and to make love."

A Victrola has been placed in the College auditorium and we have had the pleasure of listening to three delightful

concerts. We hope that this may become a permanent acquisition and the students may thus have the opportunity to hear the finest records obtainable.

Professor Miller (in Psychology): "Why can a horse pull more than an ox?"

Mr. Dolly: "Because he is shoed."

The faculty and student body sympathize most deeply with Miss Mary Triplett in the death of her father, Rev. J. E. Triplett.

On Saturday evening, October 4th, Col. Tom Booker and Capt. Tony Miller with their quartette of negro singers gave an entertaining concert in the auditorium. These two old Confederates know how to give a real evening's enjoyment.

Miss Turner (in American Literature)—"Tell something of the life of Alexander Hamilton."

Miss VanMetre—"Why, he killed Aaron Burr."

Davey Jones is disappointed in his assignment of work for this term since he has learned that German is a year subject rather than a term subject.

Miss Sallie Wagoner spent Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, at the home of W. F. Myers, in Charles Town.

Miss Ireland—"Mr. Dyer, will you go with Mr. Nelson and some of the other girls to get some sassafras for me?"



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"To Interest All in Our Affairs"

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ALICE BRADFORD'S THANKSGIVING.

The morning was a perfect one, and contained every characteristic which makes up an ideal Thanksgiving Day. But Alice Bradford, a woman whose thanksgiving days numbered fifty and one, and who since the death of her parents had lived alone, known by the children as a "cranky old maid," unthought of by most people in the community, saw nothing of its beauty as she sat this morning, alone in the large house, gazing into the open fire. Her world, her day was one of misery and sorrow.

As her thoughts went back over the past years, she asked herself this question, "What have I to be thankful for? Living alone as I do without friends"—but she stopped. Her thoughts had suddenly gone back to that Thanksgiving Day thirty years ago. Why should one day make such a change in one's life? Before this she had been a very attractive and popular girl. She was admired by all the young men of her acquaintance and loved by one, George Calvert. But she cared for another, and this was John Lenson, a young soldier, who, during the war, had been stationed near her home for a year.

Well did she remember that day thirty years before, how she had hidden him in the large clock when she saw the "Rebels" approaching, and how they while eating the great dinner, which had just been placed on the table, saw Lenson as he was trying to escape and took him prisoner, together with her brother. Again she remembered that as he mounted his horse he had whispered, "Wait for me,

Alice, I'll come back to you some day." This was the last that she had ever heard of him.

Her brother did not return for several years and his parents in the meantime died. When he did return no news was brought from Lenson. He had not seen him since the day that he was captured.

This was the end of Alice's happy days. People said that she was disappointed and they were right.

Her brother, tired of the farm and her "crankiness" as he called it, left her and went to the city. He was soon married and seldom thought of his old-fashioned sister. In fact his pretty bride knew nothing of her existence.

Alice Bradford sat thus in a reverie and when she looked up it was ten o'clock. "Well," said she, "I have nothing for which to be thankful, and as for a big dinner I want none." Then reaching down she stroked the cat that lay on the hearth. "Mush and milk are good enough for us, Tabby, and I suppose that I ought to be glad that I can live without molestation."

Just then footsteps on the porch, the chattering of children, and a rap on the door was heard. Half afraid, half anxious, she opened the door and was almost overcome. For there stood a well dressed man and woman with two children. It was none other than her brother and his family. They had great baskets which the children soon informed her contained a turkey and all the things necessary for a real Thanksgiving dinner.

"You see," said the pretty little woman, "I never knew of you until last night and when James came home I saw that he was worried. I asked him to tell me his trouble. Then he told me all about you and how he had thought you too 'cranky' and too old-fashioned to please me. I was hurt to think of you living here alone all these years and of my never knowing of you, so I proposed that we should spend the day with you. Of course we knew that you would not have dinner prepared so we brought ours along, and now if you will come with me, we'll build a fire and soon have a

happy Thanksgiving dinner. In the meantime James, you may take the children to the barn to hunt eggs and I think that they would enjoy a good search for nuts." This said she took the arm of her sister-in-law and the two went to the kitchen.

While they cooked they talked, so that when two o'clock came it was a happy crowd that gathered around the large table. The children said and did a great many cute things which Alice had to confess pleased her, although she had always thought that a child in the house even for a day would worry her to death.

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In a room luxuriantly furnished with seemingly everything which would make me happy, sat a smooth-faced, dark-eyed man, of about fifty years.

It was Thanksgiving morning and as he sat there his eyes were fastened upon a picture which was on the mantel. It was yellow from age, but as he looked at it his heart ached and he cried, "Alice! Oh, Alice! what a fool I am! Here I have wasted all these years searching for you. I am now a rich man and could have made some one happy if I had tried but here I have spent my time in searching, while you no doubt have forgotten me and are happily married." So saying he dropped on his knees and uttered a prayer. As he arose the boy came with the morning papers. He sat down in his usual manner to read but the following headlines attracted his attention:

"Mayor James Bradford and family spend Thanksgiving with the Mayor's sister, Miss Alice Bradford, at 'Meadow Brook' farm."

"Alice Bradford and yet at 'Meadow Brook' farm! How can it be possible?" cried he. "But I shall go at once." So saying he summoned his servant and ordered his suit case packed.

He left no orders but rushed to catch the next train. He arrived in New York at two o'clock and went at once to "Meadow Brook."

The children were sitting around the fire, listening to their aunt as she told them the story of her life, when a rap was heard at the door. "Well of all things," said Alice, "I wonder if any more of my relatives have come to life?"

When she opened the door, she gave one scream, fainted and fell into the arms of John Lenson. All rushed to the door and James recognized the lover of former years.

Alice soon regained consciousness and many were the tears of joy which were shed that evening. Lenson told how successful he had been in life, how he had searched for and had written to her.

Then something which she had not thought of before came to her mind. George Calvert, the boy who had loved her when she was young and whom she had rejected for Lenson, was yet their postmaster. Could it be possible that he had in some way destroyed the letters. She recalled the fact that he had not married and that she had heard him say that he never would, for he loved only one and she loved another.

After discussing all these matters they decided to summon a clergyman from a neighboring village and be married at once.

Great was the excitement when the news of the wedding was heard in the neighborhood.

But George Calvert had heard it first, and was found dead, dead by his own hand.

Later when an old chest which belonged to him was being cleaned, a coat was lifted and from it fell a bunch of letters. They were examined and found to be the letters of John Lenson to Alice Bradford.

EUNICE LOWELL WOLFORD, '16.

THE MODERN PIONEER.

(Winning Oration, Inter-Society Contest, 1913.)

Gazing backward through the obscuring mists of centuries that veil the past, we discern that every development of the human race, every advancement of civilization, and every uplift towards a higher spiritual plane has been due to those brave spirits who dared to cross the border lines of the unknown to wage war against the minions of ignorance and superstition. These men were the Captains, the heroic Pioneers that led the vanguards of the armies of the world's achievements. They arose in every generation, in every clime, but as these master leaders stepped aside they left their achievements as a heritage to all generations "who in their turn should follow after them."

Among these majestic figures, these Pioneers of progress, the engineer has held a most exalted place ever since the dawn of history. The beginnings of his art were displayed in the first crude hut, the first clumsy raft lashed with vines, the first precarious bridge placed by human hands, the first meandering highway connecting primitive villages. From these lowly beginnings were evolved the magnificent monuments that celebrate the skilled engineers of Egypt, Babylon, Greece, Rome and our modern world.

In early times war was the recognized profession. The Pioneer was the hero who led his conquering forces to success. But the warrior early learned that mere brawn and recklessness did not spell victory, he learned that he who would win must employ the forces of nature, that he must mould conditions and environments to favor him. And, as a result, men were chosen to plan fortifications, entrenchments, battlements, ships of battle, and other destructive implements of war. From these beginnings has been developed our present magnificent civil engineering profession.

The term civil engineering means simply the non-military division of that profession now the most important factor in the progress of civilization. In engineering as in

every other science practice preceded the science itself. The great pyramids of Egypt were builded long before Herodotus was born or the laws of Moses framed.

Assyrian engineers constructed great highways, bridges and reservoirs, and diverted rivers from their native channels before Euclid founded the science of geometry.

A review of history will impress us with the fact that ignorance and superstition have ever been relentless enemies to those things designed for the ultimate benefit of mankind. Therefore when we recall the lives of Archimedes, Galileo, Watt, Franklin, Fulton and many others, who lived in a time, when to proclaim a new principle of truth or demonstrate the practical application of science to some use hitherto unknown, meant persecution for witchcraft, we cannot help being impressed with the heroism and devotion which these Pioneers in their search for truth manifested. And, because of their sacrifices and devotion, their names are today inscribed upon the ineffaceable pages of history as the fathers of science and of the engineering profession.

Engineering as a science is (in reality) only an infant, yet during its short existence it has made such phenomenal strides, that considering its magnificent accomplishments, one would expect it prematurely gray. Further, the master minds of the world have pronounced it the only profession which lives not by the contentions of humanity but deals alone with those endeavors, which by subduing and directing the elemental forces of nature, make for the higher development, enjoyment and happiness of the human race.

Being a new science, engineering has not, like art and literature, been developed along lines of precedents, and, yet, through its agency the apparent impossibilities of yesterday become the accomplished fact of today.

The universal trend toward consolidation has introduced a variety of problems that will engage the ablest intellect for ages to come. The eternal struggle between giant minds

and pigmy brains goes on, the irresistible power of men who dream and see what might be and carry their dreams into action forever hurls itself against the slowly crumbling barriers of conservatism, builded by those pitiful creatures who see only what is and endeavor to blockade the high roads of the world's progress with their own inaction.

The surveyor, George Washington, a man who lives in the heart of every true American, planned the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal by yonder peaceful rolling waters of the Potomac in a day when neither the magnificent technical schools of our day nor the gigantic engineering establishments where one may obtain everything from a thumb-tack to a solar transit existed. The colonial engineer frequently went into the field equipped with a Jacob's staff, surveyor's chain and a compass. In those days every engineer deduced his own formula to suit the case in hand. Those compendiums of engineering experience, to which our modern engineers refer for the slightest detail, did not then exist.

We need but unroll eight brief years of the records of our history to find Asia still a land of mystery, Japan a hermit nation. There was then no German empire, no kingdom of Italy, no Suez Canal, Texas and California still belonged to Mexico. There was not a single mile of railroad on the continent of Europe; the world had not heard the name of Morse or Darwin.

Oh! what a wonderful and interesting development the growth and evolution of the science of engineering has been since those days. Perhaps when Halley's comet again greets this planet with its appearance, the engineer will be moralizing upon the insignificant results produced by the profoundest efforts of our engineers.

At intervals, ever since the discovery of the Pacific Ocean by Balboa in 1513, the improvement of transisthmian transportation has attracted the attention of various nations and capitalists. In 1830 the Panama railroad company was organized. Almost insurmountable difficulties lay in the way of its completion. But under the direction of skilled

engineers, impenetrable jungles were penetrated, reptiles defied, and adamant ribs of mother earth drilled and blasted away until on the morning of January 27, 1855, the victorious engineers saw the Atlantic and Pacific welded together by the marvelous highway of steel. On that day, the natives peering from their jungle coverts saw a fire breathing monster flashing before their startled eyes while its echo-waking scream proclaimed to the wide world the accomplishment of the stupendous task.

The construction of the Panama Canal is the world's greatest engineering feat. Monster machines are gouging out and devouring the obstacles that lay in the way; man made volcanoes tear and rend the very vitals of earth to forge the bonds which shall mean the marriage of earth's mightiest seas.

In former days such work was executed through the efforts of hand-wielded shovel and our homely friend, the mule, the latter directed by the only human being who fully comprehends him—the negro.

If our supply of coal is growing limited we have an inexhaustable store of energy in the numberless streams which traverse our fair land. Fifteen years ago the thought of concentrating and utilizing the enormous store of dynamic energy, that for countless ages had wasted itself in a thousand streams, had scarcely taken shape. Yet, today Niagara, the unconquerable, has been conquered, and unquestionably the greatest field of endeavor of the industrial life of tomorrow will be the comprehensive development of hydro-electric power. One twentieth of our nation's wealth is at the present time invested in electric development and the percentage will doubtless increase. The electric age is just at the breaking of dawn and no one knows what the result of this mysterious force may be for it possesses more power and more delicacy than any other force that the engineer has been able to harness and bring under man's subjection.

Los Angeles is building what is by far the most gigantic

aqueduct the world has ever known. This monster water conduit will give a domestic supply to 2,000,000 people, irrigate 75,000 acres of land, and develop 60,000 horse power of electric energy. No similar enterprise, seemingly Quixotic and impossible, has ever before been attempted.

The length of Imperial Rome's longest aqueduct is 57 miles; the length of New York's Catskill aqueduct is 91 miles; the length of the Los Angeles aqueduct is 240 miles. Countless streams, of undefiled purity, (rising from the melting snows and glacial ice), which flow down the eastern face of the great Sierra range are to be collected in a huge conduit, passed from one great reservoir to another, sent across 120 miles of absolute desert, shot under the majestic domes of the Sierras through a tunnel over five miles in length, and of a sufficient diameter to give room for the passage of a street car, and finally impounded in two great storage basins perched high on the rim of the San Fernando Valley.

From these the precious fluid will be drawn off as needed for the use of the thirsty land and through great steel pipes pour its crystal blessing upon the city of Los Angeles and her sister towns and territories.

A little over half a century ago, not a single railroad traversed South America. Today there is not a republic of that continent without at least one railroad. Some of the marvelous engineering problems solved in the construction of a number of these roads have called forth the applause and admiration of the whole world. The crowning achievement of this century of wonderful achievements, however, is the piercing of the Andes at an altitude of 10,000 feet. No longer is it necessary to climb into regions of perpetual snow in order to pass across our sister continent.

The Pioneer has blazed the way in North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and in the uttermost parts of the world. At his behest vast forces are marshalled to bind gigantic mountains with girdles of steel, at his command railroads wind and climb over almost inaccessible

ramparts of the world, or dive underneath the firm based hills; like silver webs they are spun through a thousand valleys; numberless tentacles reach out to grasp every city and hamlet until the world seems contracted into a little sphere by the far reaching arms of the modern octopus of steel.

If we could by any stretch of the imagination conceive what our globe would be without its railroads, manufactures, mines, harbors, and, as a natural consequence, without her cities, we might faintly realize what a part the pioneer has taken in this grand world-wide march of development. It is only through the agency of the pioneer that we have arrived at the dawn of such an era of prosperity and development, that when the sun of progress shall have reached its meridian it shall shed its rays over an admiring world.

The work of the pioneer has been grand in conception, and masterful in execution. The majestic bridges which carry millions of human lives and untold tons of freight across soundless abyss and deep and yawning chasm; tunnels miles in length which have made naught of unscalable mountain barriers; the installation of electric plants which cause the gloom of night to burst forth in noontide splendor; the acceleration of motion, annihilating space, the harnessing of the power-mad Niagara,—all stand as monuments to the achievements of the pioneer and suggest the possibility of an even grander future.

OSCAR L. SNYDER, '13.

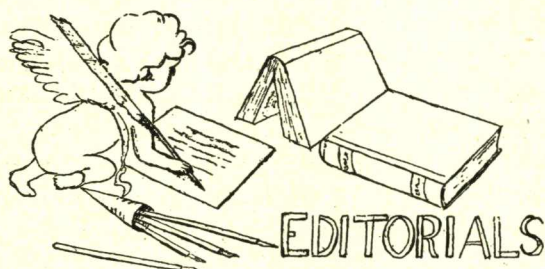
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This edition of The Picket makes no pretense of being entirely a Thanksgiving number as might be expected by its readers, but an attempt has been made to include in it stories and references sufficient to remind everyone who peruses its pages, of the approaching season.

The number of pages composing each edition of The Picket must of necessity be limited. We cannot publish everything that we would like to publish, but aim to give productions, the reading of which is well worth while for the person, who in the most part, desires something profitable as well as entertaining. The reports of the organizations and the personal notes are intended to keep the graduates

and former students of this institution in close touch with its movements and progress.

We hope that many of the students, alumni and friends of Shepherd College whose names are not yet on our subscription list, may have The Picket as one of the regular monthly visitors in their homes and be benefited by it.

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Time has been rolling along until November has again appeared in the cycle. It is on a particular day of this month, set apart by a proclamation of our nation's President, as if for this purpose, that members of the feathery tribe must be sacrificed to appease the carnivorous appetites of a people that has been living for twelve months in anticipation of it. The rustic school boy recites his "piece on the brave old men of Plymouth" and endeavors to fan his spark of ambition into the flame of patriotic deeds. Again the long-suffering clergyman presents his Thanksgiving sermon with all the fluency and elocutionary grace acquired by its yearly repetition. Time is for awhile reckoned "before" and "after" Thanksgiving. Every magazine cover is adorned with pictures suggestive of the season and the magazine itself is pervaded by the atmosphere of the golden, grateful days when "the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock."

But with all the various demonstrations of gratitude, it is appropriate that, at the dawn of each Thanksgiving Day, we pause amid our prosperity, and in a time of reverence consider the Divine ways that sent across the stormy ocean that sturdy band of Puritans that did so much to lift our continent from the mire of the ages and transform it into a land characterized by the free institutions that can exist in a Democracy only.

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Those who appreciate the efforts of our principal to have entertainments of an instructive nature at the college auditorium, have already had the opportunity of realizing the

benefits to be derived from two of them.

On the night of October 23, Professor Miller gave an illustrated lecture on birds and on points of interest in Switzerland visited by him during the last summer vacation. More entertainments of this kind have been promised. Students are admitted to them without any charge except their time and attention, which doubtless could not be spent in a manner more conducive to culture and development.

The second entertainment entitled "The Dawn of Plenty" was given on Saturday night, November 8. The pictures presented, together with the most excellent lecture and explanations, were intended to lead the minds of the audience through the gradual changes and improvements that have been made in the modes of doing the various works in the agricultural world, that of harvesting wheat being most emphasized.

This series of pictures has been spoken of as being by far the best ever presented at Shepherd College. As a means of instruction, they were invaluable, though many persons who could have done so, did not avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to be instructed. We hope there will be a great awakening among the negligent and careless students and townspeople in regard to these entertainments given for their benefit.

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"Great Poems Interpreted" is the title of a new book by Waitman Barbe, Professor of English in West Virginia University, announced for publication about December 1, by Hinds, Noble and Eldredge, of New York. Dr. Barbe's "Famous Poems Explained" has been found exceedingly useful by thousands of teachers and students. His new book will be somewhat more advanced. It will contain about 450 pages and the price will be \$1.25 postpaid.

THE SCHOOL FAIR.

This is the name applied to the annual exhibition at Shepherd College of a great number of products of student labor on the farm, in the home and in the schoolroom. The first exhibition of this sort was made in the autumn of 1911; the second in October, 1912; the third, last, and by far the largest and best was held on the 7th and 8th of this month.

This is one way of training students to make their work productive of the best results. The prizes offered for the best entries have been incentives within themselves, but the possibility of each exhibit being judged the best has been the greatest inducement for the careful selection and preparation of the products to be exhibited. In the last School Fair one hundred and sixty-six entries were made. Awards were made as follows:

- Best Yellow Corn—Emily Sampsell.
- Best Canned Tomatoes—Bessie Williamson.
- Best Glass of Jelly—Bessie Williamson.
- Best Cake—Mary Lemen.
- Best Single Flower—Bessie Williamson.
- Best Display of Apples—Stewart VanMetre.
- Best Display of Fruit—Gertrude Muldoon.
- Best General Display—George Hartzell.
- Longest Root of Alfalfa—Hazel Martin.
- Best Canned Peaches—Marguerite Billmyer.
- Best Fudge—Elizabeth Boswell.
- Best Sewing by hand—Eugenia Larner.
- Best Handicraft by a boy—George Hartzell.
- Best Handicraft by a girl—Marguerite Billmyer.
- Best Head of Cabbage—Mary Lemen.
- Best Alfalfa Display—Stewart VanMetre.
- Best Poster—Eugenia Larner.
- Best Pumpkin—Elsie Sutton.
- Best Embroidery—Mary Williamson.
- Best Beet—Ether Stanley.

Best Fancy Work—Gertrude Clary.
Second Best Corn—William Stanley.
Second Best Cake—Frances Dailey.
Second Best Embroidery—Grace Kiser.
Second Best Poster—Marguerite Billmyer.



SOCIAL EVENTS.

Miss Eleanor Blanche Barnes, instructor of music, entertained a party of friends at a Studio Recital on the afternoon of October 30th. The following program was rendered in a pleasing manner:

Piano Duet—Misses Barnes and Muldoon.
“Moonlight Sonata”—Lowell Wolford.
Vocal Solo, “A Garland of Roses”—Virginia Gaunt.
Narcissus—Ethel Hollida.
Spanish Dance—Hazel Martin.
Vocal Solo, “Three Green Bonnets”—Ruth Hickie.
Melody of Love—Daphne Womack.
Whisperings of Love—Mark Wetzel.
Maiden’s Prayer—Mildred Banks.
Piano Duet—Misses Barnes and Williamson.

After the program, dainty refreshments were served, Mesdames Mabel Henshaw Gardiner and Virginia Harrison presiding at the tea and coffee urns. All the party returned to their respective homes at 5 o’clock, having joined in a vote of thanks to Miss Barnes and her students for their delightful entertainment.

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The Senior Class held a Hallowe’en party in Miss Ireland’s room on the night of October 31. The decorations were very effective for the occasion. The floor was covered with leaves several inches thick, while the walls were adorned with bright colored foliage. A large corn shock stood in the center of the room and a number of Jack-o-lanterns were placed around in conspicuous positions.

As the boys were not masqueraded they and the guests, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Kenamond, were assembled in the main room to wait for the girls who were allowed to enter one at a time. When the girls came in their costumes were very striking representing ghosts, gypsies, Queen of Hearts, Night and many other conceptions.

After this, appropriate games were played and later in the evening refreshments were served which consisted of apple and pumpkin pies, doughnuts and apples.

At a late hour the party broke up all seeming to have spent a very pleasant evening.

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On Tuesday night, November 4, the Juniors gave a reception in honor of Mr. A. D. Kenamond, for whom they have named their class. The rooms were prettily decorated with black and gold, the class colors. The guests were entertained by a very pleasing musical program, which was followed by interesting guessing contests. Later, delightful refreshments were served which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Superintendent O. G. Wilson, of the city schools of Elkins, has been elected President of the West Virginia Education Association.

Dr. Henry S. Green, formerly Professor of Greek at the West Virginia University, has been appointed State Archivist and Historian by Governor Hatfield.

Superintendent H. F. Fleshman, of Hinton, is the new member of the State Board of Education, succeeding Mr. L. W. Burns.

Teachers in the province of Ontario receive a subsidy of thirty dollars per year if they maintain a school garden.

Mr. Walter Barnes, of the Glenville Normal School, has been appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the study and teaching of English in the country schools of the United States.

We are glad that Dr. Barbe's new book "Great Poems Interpreted" will soon be published. No doubt this work will receive as much commendation as his former book, "Famous Poems Explained."

Under the wise administration of Superintendent I. B. Bush, the school system of Parkersburg has become almost ideal. Parkersburg is the fourth city in size in the state, but it has by far the largest high school, the largest per cent of those who complete the eighth grade go to the high school, and the largest per cent of those who enter the high school graduate.

It is a disgrace to America that it is easier to arouse public sentiment in favor of cheap school books than good school books.

A Farmers' Institute without an educational feature is as much out of date as a last year's almanac. School people can always arrange for such a day.

Moorefield, West Virginia, is to have a new modern high school. A seventeen thousand dollar bond issue was carried through successfully on October 27, 1913. Randolph Moler of the class of '04 is principal.

Morgantown has been chosen as the place for the 1914 West Virginia Education Association meeting and June 17, 18, 19 the dates.

Principal Miller took an active part in the community meeting at Inwood, November 1, 1913. Elizabeth Banks, Class '11, is principal.



Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

(Nellie Greider.)

At our meeting on October 27, Dr. Ghiselin was with us and took charge of the exercises. One of the remarks that

he made was that the largest crowd he had ever seen at a Y. W. C. A. meeting here was present that day.

A few weeks ago we planned to take all the new girls of the college to the gymnasium where they were to get acquainted and have a good time. A large number of them went, and the girls reported that they had a very pleasant time.

More names have been added to our roll since our last report, and still more girls expect to join. Some of the new members seem willing to go ahead in the work. Just as the church is the basis of all social life in the broadest sense in our community, so ought the Y. W. C. A. to be the basis of our daily social life in the school. Let us all try to make it so.



PARTHENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

(E. G. Lewis.)

With a membership of fifty-five students, the Parthenian Literary Society is having one of the most successful years of its existence. Each Friday afternoon a well-rendered and interesting program may be heard. We have had a great number of visitors who speak most encouragingly of our work. We are always glad to have visitors and welcome all who are interested in the welfare of our society and trust that a number of students who are not members of any society may affiliate themselves with us.



CICERONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

(Florence Hartley.)

The Ciceronian Literary Society is keeping up to the standard. As neither our president nor critic returned we elected Mr. Paul Miller president and Miss Sidney Kearfott, critic. The members all take great interest in the work as every loyal society member should do. As the society

had a large sum of money in its treasury, five dollars were given for prizes for the "School Fair." We hope and believe that we will make more progress as a society this term than we have ever done before.

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ENGLISH CLUB NOTES.

(Marion Billmyer.)

The first regular literary and social meeting of the English Club for this year was held October 24. The literary program consisted of selections from the works of William Cullen Bryant and sketches relative to his life and works. Then followed the social entertainment which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Club was glad to receive some of the students as members. We hope that they will profit by the work and also derive a great deal of pleasure from it. The following are the new members:

Nina Pownell, Guy P. Thompson, Dorothy Ware, Clarence Roby, Mary Williamson.



WILLARD CLUB NOTES.

(Florence Hartley.)

The Willard Club still claims an important position among the girls. Each member comes promptly forward to do her duty toward making the programs both interesting and instructive. The attendance has been good and everything is moving with a rush this year. Since last month quite a number of girls have joined the club and it is now the aim of each member to have every girl who does not belong, join the club. We feel sure that the work in the Willard Club has been profitable to every member, and that no girl will ever regret when she leaves school to take up her work in life, that she has had the practice and experience

in speaking and debating, which the Willard Club gives.

On October 24 the Willard Club held its first public meeting this term. The following program was rendered:

Debate—To affirm, Eugenia Larnier and Sallie Wagoner.
To deny, Helen Hunter and Marion Billmyer.

Question—Resolved, that child labor should be regulated by national law.

Story, "Cupid and Psyche," Elizabeth Boswell.

Magazine Article, "Healthy, Wealthy and Wise," Nellie Sperow.

We are proud of the work being done by the Willard Club, and we hope the members will be inspired to do still better work.



EXCHANGE NOTES.

We are trying to make The Picket better this year than it has ever been before. We hope our exchanges will assist us in this by their criticisms. We will be glad to receive any new exchanges and also all of our old ones.

We are glad to receive The Echo from the Canton High School. We found it to be very interesting and it must have very competent editors.

The Record is one of the best exchanges we have received. It has a number of good articles and its wit and humor is very clever indeed.

The Lutheran Normal School Mirror is so full of German that the exchange editors are unable to comment on it. Still it looks very interesting.

The cartoons in The Pharos are excellent and the humor display is also noteworthy.

We think the Glenville Normal Bulletin would be better if the editors would put all the locals and personals together. Aside from that the paper is very good.

The Cliff Dweller is made very interesting by the many cartoons. The one on the last page is especially suggestive.

We believe the appearance of The Dickensonian would be

improved if the advertisements were not scattered promiscuously among the reading matter.

We find The Preparatory Herald very good and hope the exchange editors will realize their expectations this year.

The Rustler made a very pleasing noise as it rustled into our exchange shelf.

We are glad to receive The Parthenon and Visalia High School News but believe they would be better if they were made into book form.

We wish to commend The Tiltonian upon its style and quality of paper. The athletic notes are very elaborate.



SOPHOMORE NOTES.

(Arthur Edward Ruark.)

Behold us, no longer Freshmen, but Sophomores, twenty-nine in all. Our officers are:

Paul Miller, President.

Glenn A. Keister, Vice-President.

Eunice Lowell Wolford, Secretary.

Earle Wheaton, Treasurer.

Arthur E. Ruark, Reporter.

C. O. Flagg, Sergeant.

We have selected red, silver and black as our colors. The class flower and the class motto have not yet been selected but the yells have been decided upon. Witness the result.

Yell No. 1:

Lucky, lucky, lucky we!

We're as lucky as can be!

Luckiest class you ever saw!

1916! Rah! Rah! Rah!

Yell No. 2:

Freshman, Juniors, Seniors, too!

We do! Hoodoo! Hoodoo you!

Get out of the way! We must be seen!

For we are the class of sixteen!

Sophomores! Sophomores! Sophomores!

FRESHMAN NOTES.

(Hattie Johnson.)

The Freshman Class organized October 13, 1913, with a total of eighty members. We excel in numbers and "good looks" if not in "brains."

The following officers were elected:

W. J. B. Houser, President.
Grover Banks, Vice-President.
Dorothy Fulton, Secretary.
Harry Fuss, Treasurer.
Isaac T. Long, Sergeant.
Hattie Johnson, Reporter.

Our Yell.

Freshmen! Freshmen! Look at us!
We'll find a path or make a fuss!
See our number, eighty plus!
Freshmen! Freshmen! Freshmen!
White and gold, our colors true
We'll be seniors some day, too,
For nineteen eighteen puts us through.
Freshmen! Freshmen! Freshmen!
Under the leadership of our Yell Master, David Jones,
and with such a great number of voices, we make the corridors of old S. C. ring.
You will hear more later.

**SENIOR CLASS NOTES.**

(Hilda Doggett.)

The Senior Class held a meeting on Monday, October 19,* and elected the following officers:

Harold A. Rice, President.
Clarence Roby, Vice-President.
Ruth Hickle, Secretary.
Guy Thompson, Treasurer.

Beatrice Rogers, Reporter.

G. O. Nelson, Sergeant.

We are sure our new officers are going to do their very best for the class.

This year we have an increase in members, making forty-one members in all. The new members are Gertrude Clary, graduate of Hood College, Frederick, Md.; Naomi Dugan, Nettie Gates, Emma Riner and Ryneal Hammersla, graduates of Hedgesville High school; Ruth Hickle, graduate of Grafton High school; Hilda Doggett, graduate of Martinsburg High school; Sidney Kearfott, graduate of Stevenson Seminary; P. H. Lowry of the West Liberty Normal school, and Anna Webley. We are glad to welcome these members into our class.

The class has started in with a business-like spirit. A committee has been appointed for the selection of the class pin. The daisy has been chosen as the flower and green and gold as the colors.

At the last meeting the resignation of the class reporter, Beatrice Rogers, was accepted and Hilda Doggett was appointed to fill the vacancy. We hope this Senior Class will surpass any of the preceding ones.



JUNIOR CLASS NOTES.

The organization of the Junior Class has been completed and the following officers have been elected:

President, D. J. Van Devander.

Vice-President, Roy A. Bell.

Secretary, Eugenia Larnier.

Treasurer, Dorothy Ware.

Reporter—Marion Billmyer.

Sergeant, C. O. Hiser.

Black and gold were selected as the colors and the yellow rose as the class flower. The motto, "Semper Proce-

dens" which was chosen by the class in its Freshman year is still retained.

The Class of '15 is rather small in number, but it has a determination to maintain a high standard. Nothing has been definitely decided about The Cohongoroota which is the work of the Junior Class, but a spicy Junior Daily is being edited regularly.



LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

How happy everyone seems to be that mid-term exams are over.

On November 5, Professor and Mrs. Thos. C. Miller attended the Sunday School Convention at Middleway.

Miss Lena Brilhart of the Junior Class has been absent from school on account of an abscessed tooth.

Thompson (translating Greek)—"Twenty heavy-armed foot-soldiers were shot on the right wing."

Miss Helen Hunter went home for a few days on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Emma Riner always eats before going to bed. She does this because "it makes her dream."

Mr. Kenamond announces that the Chemistry class has coined a new verb. They say "oxygen combusts."

Mr. Miller (in Psychology)—"Mr. Thompson, what cruel ruler was I talking about then?" (meaning Nero.)

Mr. Thompson—"Peter."

Miss Barnes spent several days at her home in Fairmont during the last week of October.

Mr. G. O. Nelson taught school at Shenandoah Junction on October 23. He reports a very lively day.

Miss Marybelle Moles, a former student, spent a few days in Shepherdstown with friends.

Mr. Fuss (teaching Zoology) "Name some of the characteristics of Crustaceans."

Miss Pownell—"They have large feet."

Mr. Thompson—"So have policemen."

Mrs. Womack, of Berkeley Springs, visited her daughter, Miss Daphne, on October 10.

Mr. J. F. Marsh, Secretary of the State Board of Regents, visited Shepherd College on October 17. He gave a most interesting and instructive talk in chapel concerning his trip abroad, telling particularly of his visit to a German Fair.

Mr. Miller (speaking of the cadet corps' proposed trip to Sharpsburg)—"Of course you're armed but you haven't any ammunition."

Miss Louise J. Smith, teacher of Latin and Greek, spent October 25 and 26 at her home in Washington.

Professor and Mrs. Miller spent the week end, October 18, at the home of Miss Hazel Martin on the Shepherd Grade.

A large number of the students were absent from school October 14 to 17 to attend the Hagerstown Fair.

Mr. S. F. Talbott was absent from school for several days on account of the illness of his mother.

Nelson (when called upon to translate Virgil)—"Well, I can't do it. The words have sense but the trouble is with me."

Roby (translating Caesar)—"They put socks (saxa) on the wall."

Mr. Fuss (in Rhetoricals)—"The School Fair was held on the library table."

Mr. E. G. Lewis returned to his home at Inwood for a rest of a few weeks.

Nelson (translating Virgil)—"Jupiter looked down from the heaven upon the outstretched land and the wide people."

Mr. Guy P. Thompson visited at his home at Berkeley Springs on October 18--20.

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CHRISTMAS EVE.

Ruth Leighton turned impatiently away from the window where she had been standing for fifteen minutes watching for her brother. "Why don't Arthur come? Those poor girls will be frozen if he keeps them out much longer," exclaimed Ruth as she walked across the room to the fire.

It was Christmas Eve and the room was beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe. By a single glance into the drawing-room one could tell that Ruth Leighton was prepared for a Christmas house-party and would not wonder at her losing patience with her brother who had left three hours before to meet some of the guests at the station.

In the meantime, Arthur Leighton had driven to the station only to be disappointed, for the girls did not come. Arthur drove away from the station as impatiently as Ruth had left the window. "A big fig for those girls! Why couldn't they come? It will be a dull old house party without Eunice and Eleanor," mused Arthur as he drove homeward.

Suddenly he was aroused from his reverie when the horse jumped as if an object in the road scared him. The horse would not pass the dark object and Arthur was compelled to get out of the sleigh and lead him by it. When he stepped from the sleigh he walked up to the object, but to his horror found it to be the body of a frail girl about twelve years of age. Tenderly he lifted the cold form in his arms and tried to bring the girl to life by putting snow in her face. All attempts failed. "I will take her home to mother," he said putting her tenderly in the sleigh and gathering up the lines, he drove home. "Oh, Mamma," cried

Ruth, "they have come at last."

Running out on the porch to meet the guests, she was confronted with a very unexpected sight. She did not stop to speak to her brother, but with a scream she ran to her father in the library. "Oh, Papa! Arthur is carrying something. It looks as if it might be a child. Please meet him, I am afraid."

Dr. and Mrs. Leighton came into the hall just as Arthur reached the porch with his burden.

"My son, what is it?" asked both of his parents at once.

"It is a little girl. I found her in the snow. I am afraid—oh, Mother, I am afraid she is dead," answered Arthur in a very weak voice. He had become very cold from carrying the half-frozen girl so far.

Dr. Leighton took the girl from his son's arms and laid her on the library sofa. Mrs. Leighton and some of the servants began to try to bring some sign of life into the apparently lifeless body. Ruth went to the kitchen for a cup of hot tea, while Arthur paced up and down the drawing-room casting anxious looks toward the library door. He could not understand why the beautiful, delicate child was roaming around such a cold, snowy night.

After many efforts, Mrs. Leighton had succeeded in bringing color back into the girl's face. Her eyes opened for a moment then closed wearily. Mrs. Leighton left Dr. Leighton to watch the girl while she went to prepare a room for her. For awhile the child was very still. As Dr. Leighton sat beside the couch and pushed the heavy brown curls from the child's cool forehead, suddenly the long lashes began to quiver and the eyelids raised revealing a pair of large brown eyes. She looked wonderingly around the room, and rising quickly she asked what she was doing there.

"I must go," she said, "I must find Mrs. James Leighton before morning."

"My dear little girl," said Dr. Leighton as he put her gently back on the pillow, "your journey is over. What do

you want with Mrs. Leighton? Is she a friend of yours?" "No sir, not yet. But she was my mother's dearest friend and she will love me for Mother's sake. I have a letter Mother gave me a week before she died to give Mrs. Leighton. Oh! sir, do you know her? I must find her."

"Yes, little one, I know her. She is my wife. I am Dr. James Leighton. Now, be still and I will call her."

As Mrs. Leighton came into the room, Dr. Leighton left them alone.

"You are Mrs. Leighton, you knew and loved my mother. You will love her little girl, too, won't you? Mother said you would and sent you this letter."

Mrs. Leighton was very much puzzled and took the letter. Quickly breaking the seal she looked at the signature. Then catching the child in her arms, she cried for joy. "James, come here!" she called.

"Right here, my dear," said the Doctor. "What is the mystery?"

"James, you remember hearing me talk of my little schoolmate, Hetty Heydon,—well, she married John Vernon and I lost track of her. About a week ago she died leaving this letter and her little girl, Helen, to me."

"Ruth! Arthur! come here and welcome your new sister," called Dr. Leighton.

Arthur and Ruth had both come to the door when their father called. Ruth went to the sofa and kissed the girl but Arthur did not go. As he looked toward the sofa at the girl locked in his sister's arms, he saw that the large brown eyes were full of tears. Turning hastily, he left the room.

Time passed quickly and Arthur returned to college where he was studying law. Ruth and Helen studied with the governess.

Five years passed and Helen was the only child at home. Christmas Eve had come again. The drawing-room was covered with holly and mistletoe. It was Helen who gathered the evergreens and trimmed the house this year. It

was Helen who was looking eagerly from the window watching for the sleigh to appear with Ruth and her husband and Arthur who were coming from the city to spend Christmas. It was Helen who turned from the window disappointed this time. "Mother," she said, "Ruth has come but Arthur isn't there."

"What! Helen, Arthur has not come?" asked Mrs. Leighton putting her arms around her foster-daughter and hurrying to meet Ruth and her husband. Ruth explained that Arthur had been detained on account of an important case, but would be with them by morning.

Christmas morning Helen was playing the piano in the drawing-room when the door opened and Arthur entered. He stood beside her until the music ceased. Then looking at the table full of packages, he said in a teasing tone, "What present have you for me among all of those things, Helen?"

"Oh! we have ever so many pretty things, Arthur, but you are so hard to please that we always have to let you select your own present."

"Do you know what I will select if I have my choice?" he asked teasingly.

"To be sure you always wanted the prettiest handkerchiefs and the most expensive ties. You may have your choice of all except the ones I have tied with holly ribbon. Do not disturb them."

"Helen, do you not know what I want for a present? Listen, dear. It is not neckties and handkerchiefs that I want this year. I want the little girl whom I found in the cold snow five years ago and who came to me that beautiful Christmas morning, with tears in her magnificent brown eyes and said, 'Arthur, I have not any present for you, but if you will let me I will be your sister as Ruth is.' May I have the present of my choice, Helen?"

Again the brown eyes were full of tears as she placed her hand in Arthur's.

EMILY SAMPELL.

MY FIRST EVENING CALL.

It happened on one of those most romantic evenings in June about which poets, naturalists and philosophers have been known to write for centuries. Bright, silvery moonbeams danced to and fro over the green grass and the leaves of trees and shrubbery were bathed in the glorious light, while, in the shadows, taking advantage of some sequestered place, could be seen now and then by a close observer, a whispering couple to whom all company seemed monotonous and who had evidently assumed their places on the lawn seat in the shadows for the purpose of benefiting their health.

Anyhow, nature with its reviving beauty seemed thus to me that evening because, well, because I was what I called in love, but what other people have designated as a bad case of puppy love. And I was for the first time to make what may be termed a real social call, in other words, I had a date.

This great epoch in my life happened just a couple of years ago, so as I call to mind that evening, I can easily remember how "frustrated" I was that whole day, and what a great space of time it took me to prepare to visit, for the first time, that most serene of all creatures, a sweetheart. My! how particular I was; everything, had to be just so.

After making sure for the third or fourth time that I was ready, I timidly left the house and as timidly walked along the street for it seemed to me, in my boyish imagination, that every one knew where I was going.

It took some time for me to screw my courage up to such a point that I could pass along thru the lawn, mount the steps, and ring the bell, altho I knew that her mother and father were not in the vicinity which condition was included in the engagement. Somehow I managed to accomplish the feat and she came to the door, blushing and smiling in such a way that it made her look sweeter than ever.

Finally we managed to get seated, about twenty feet apart, on the portico which was sheltered from the view of

the street by beautiful shade trees looking like dark sentinels in the silvery moonlight.

We sat thruout the evening in this position talking about things in general until I thot that I'd better move so as not to break the laws of parents. How foolish those little things seem now as I look back over them; but I've heard it said, and I really believe it, that if you want a boy to put aside his "rowdy" ways, wear a collar, comb his hair, keep his hands clean, and especially wash the dirt from behind his ears without the assistance of his mother, just let him go with a girl once.

GUY P. THOMPSON, '14.

A STUDENT.

What is he? Let us experiment on a definition. A student—a college student—is a man who rises at 6:30 A. M. and, meal-time excepted, pores over his books untiringly until 10:30 P. M. No; we have jumped the track; this man is a book-worm; not a student. Let us try it again. A student is a man who attends college because he has nothing else to do and thinks college a good and pleasant place to kill time; who attends a certain school simply because he happened there; not because it is the best for his purpose; who—useless task! we are off again; this man is nothing but a tar bucket, carried along to give our atmosphere a healthy odor. "The third time is the charm," the old adage says. A student is a man who pays strict attention to his school work, but above all maintains a social equilibrium; who squares his shoulders against every student enterprise and pushes until his cheeks are rubied by the blush of valor and true worth; who listens to his college "yell" and calls it the harmonious music of a college-bred soul and not the loud, boisterous noise of a rowdy gang. Yes, these are the genuine characteristics of a student. A monkey can be trained to pore over a book and a parrot to recite its contents; any old lobster can is worthy enough to be a tar bucket; but it takes a man—a "life-sized" man—to be a genuine college student. Get the right conception, fellows.

—Bridgewater College Philomathian Monthly.

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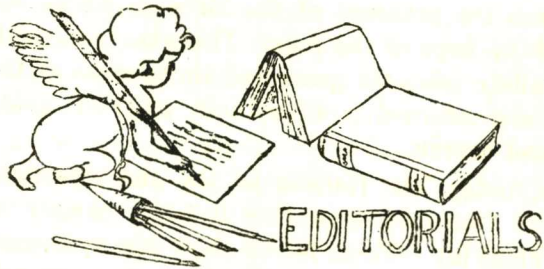
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Peculiarly fitting and suggestive are the cedar and holly in the dreariness of midwinter. "Of all the old festivities," said Irving, "that of Christmas awakens the strongest and the most heartfelt associations." Then the old and young alike mingle with the merry hearts of youth in the ruddy glow of the Yule-log. All the store-fronts tell the same story and everywhere there is something that indicates the approaching season, something that creates a feeling of expectancy of a joyous holiday, of meeting friends and relatives on their annual visit and of the feast of yearly occurrence. Even the small boys and girls look forward to the time as one in which they will be freed from the realm of school work and will be out of reach of the commanding tones of the impatient pedagogue.

The approach of another Christmas-tide with the recur-

rence of gift-giving, with the beaming countenances and the patter of the tiny feet of eager children, and with a rejuvenation of holy joy brings with it a view of humanity's inestimable debt of the Incarnation. To the Christ Child we are indebted not only for the assurance of all that is good in life but also for all that is exquisite in conception and inspirational in hope and anticipation; in truth, we owe to Him all in the scope of which fall the activities of mankind. For when that childish form, produced by divine inception, touched the stones of that crude manger in Bethlehem of Judea, there poured forth a stream of blessings which has never ceased to flow and which is infinitely greater than has ever issued even from a mythical fountain. The humble shepherds of the Judean hills were robbed of their midnight fancies by the angel from heaven which lured them into the presence of the Babe in whose countenance beamed the hope of the race. The wise men guided thither by a stellate compass presented themselves at the manger-throne and adorned it with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Thus, today, the Helicon of joy and affection and the Mecca of Christian adoration is the manger where the young child lay. Then, let us show our reverence and love for the One of divine inception by living and acting in accordance with His precepts and examples.

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able work in the various literary organizations of the school a great amount of research work is necessary. This library contains the helps needed in all of these and the student needs but find them and read them for himself. The school has already done its part in this respect and the student should show his appreciation of it by using the library for self-improvement and in preparing for service to his fellow-citizens.

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Every year the question of whether or not school should begin at a time later than eight fifteen o'clock during the short days of the winter months has arisen from the existing conditions and has received the due consideration of the faculty. However, not until recently was a change made. Beginning with Friday, December fifth, school has begun at eight forty-five, which rule will be followed throughout the winter days. The purpose of such a change is to give the students who drive from their homes in the country a longer time for their trip and to avoid tardiness and absences from the morning classes. So far the plan is working splendidly and those for whose benefit it has been made should not abuse it lest it be abolished. Although this change in schedule was made expressly for the country students, it has met with a general approval. A longer time is given for study and recreation in the morning and the number of recitation periods are divided equally between the forenoon and afternoon, making the work less tiresome for both teachers and students. Let us try to keep this good plan in operation.



A GREEK PARTY.

The cords of friendship and abiding faith which have always existed among the students and faculty were made just a little stronger among some of us on the evening of December 5th, when Miss Smith entertained the members of the Greek class at the home of Mrs. Ruark.

The form of entertainment was quite unique. Each cou-

ple was presented with a large basket of those delicacies which play a large part in making the life of the student more desirable, and after an imaginary pilgrimage to Burnside Bridge, all repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed in picnic style.

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing many different games. All departed for home at a late hour having spent the most delightful evening of the term.

Those present were the members of the Greek class, Bessie Williamson, Guy P. Thompson, Vernon L. Dyer and Harold A. Rice together with their guests, Garnett O. Nelson, Hattie B. Johnson, Nina Pownell, Mary A. Williamson, Eunice Lowell Wolford and Clarence Roby.



ALUMNI NOTES.

Mr. William Himes, Class '11, who is a member of the faculty of the Bluefield High School, has had the honor recently of being appointed by the Governor a lieutenant in the 2nd Regiment, W. V. N. G. His commission dates from December 1st. We are glad to note his rapid promotion and trust that constant application and loyalty to duty may render him deserving of still better things. Mr. Himes feels a keen interest in the welfare of his Alma Mater and all the School organizations. He was especially interested in the work of the Cadet Corps while a student here. In writing of his recent appointment he says: "I am glad to say I owe this to my training received as a cadet of Shepherd College, although I have worked hard and faithfully in the ranks since that time. I enlisted as a private in 1911 and have steadily worked my way upward since then. I am hoping that notice of this will revive to some extent the spirit of the Cadet Corps and cause it to be built up and made better and stronger. Boys who serve in Corps must not expect to receive such things as presents. They must work for them but work as a cadet gives them a good foundation."

Horace Banks, Class '09, who is a student at the Medical

School of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of his parents.

Eugene Hildt Barnhart, Class '02, who has a position as civil engineer at Baltimore, Md., and his brother J. L. Barnhart who is a clerk in the B. & O. employ at Cumberland, Md., spent a few days at the parental home last week.

Mrs. Brownie Morrison Neff, Class 1875, one of the earliest graduates of Shepherd College, died November 25, at her home in Harrisonburg, Va.

Mr. Chas. J. Miller, Class 1874, who was for many years Assistant Principal of Shepherd College, and Miss Ella Grant, one of Shepherdstown's most estimable ladies, were married November 12. They will make their home in Shepherdstown.

We are informed that Mr. O. L. Snyder who played center on the College Basketball team of last year, is now playing on the team representing the Y. M. C. A. of Martinsburg. Mr. Snyder is Principal of one of the Ward Schools in that city.



EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Superintendent M. P. Shawkey delivered an address on "The Teacher and the System" before the Nebraska State Teachers' Association the first week in November.

Three high school corner stones were laid during the past month, the building at Clarksburg being the largest

District Supervisor C. H. Martin, of Thomas, has made an innovation in this state by organizing the senior class of the Thomas High School into a sociological club for the purpose of making a survey of the whole district. This is the first work of this kind that has ever been done in West Virginia.

In many parts of the state, old-fashioned debating societies, literary societies, singing schools, and spelling matches are being revived.

Ada county, Idaho, has a school district containing 324 square miles.

Native children in the Alaska schools under the United States Bureau of Education became so enthusiastic over the personal hygiene campaign that they frequently bring their fathers and brothers to school to have them put through the clipping and cleaning process at the hands of the teacher.

The report of the "open night" session of the Bluefield High School has attracted attention throughout West Virginia. Six hundred visitors inspected the actual work and working of the high school pupils.

Doctor J. M. Callahan, Professor of History at the University gave an address on the "Monroe Doctrine" at the Clark University Conference on Latin America. The conference was held at Worcester, Mass, November 18-21.

There were 885 boys who took the examination for entrance to Harvard University in June and September last. Of these twenty-five per cent failed, and it is declared that most of the rejections were made for deficiencies in English.

Seven hundred home gardens were started in Port Ewen, New York, this year under the direction of the school authorities.



EXCHANGE NOTES.

The exchanges that have come to us this year have all been so good that we would not criticise any of them adversely.

We think, however, that all school papers should be put up in book form since this would make them more easily handled and also more attractive. Some of the very best of our exchanges are not read by the majority of the students simply because the binding is not so attractive as some others which are at hand. Great care should be taken to make a thing attractive. We like appropriate cartoons and winning little devices of various kinds in a paper and we have noticed that the most popular exchanges we have are the ones which have the most pleasing effects on the outside.

We also think that if the students one and all, would cooperate with the editorial staff some of our exchanges would be materially improved. "Variety is the spice of life" and the more contributors a paper has the more variety it will have.

A school paper should be a good record of the school proceedings and a school is judged very largely by the paper it sends out, therefore, it is our duty to our school to make its publications as up-to-date as possible. Aside from its value as a record and as an advertisement, a school paper should be of very good educational value to the student body, and we believe that if each student were required to contribute at least one article each year the paper as well as the student would be improved thereby.

Our exchange list is not yet complete as compared with other years. We hope to hear from some of our former friends as well as some new ones.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

(Arthur Edward Ruark)

This report is supposed to tell briefly the proceedings of the Y. M. C. A., but the attendance is so poor that we cannot hold meetings worthy of the standard formerly set in Shepherd College. At the opening of the year the association met every Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. As this time of meeting prevented the boys who live in the country from attending, it was decided to meet on Monday afternoon immediately after the adjournment of classes. This gives an opportunity for every boy in school to attend, as the faculty does not permit anything to interfere with the meeting of the Christian associations.

Does not every boy feel that it is his duty to join and aid this organization? The membership card admits to a Y. M. C. A. in any city or town which is a privilege worthy of consideration. With the new year let each one make a resolution to devote an hour a week to Christian work and be determined to make the Y. M. C. A. the most potent factor in school life.

PARTHENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

(E. G. Lewis.)

Every Friday afternoon there is an excellent program rendered in the P. L. S. hall by the members of that society. Each member does his duty and the debates, orations, declamations and other selections delivered show that the members are wide awake and are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by this literary society.

Much interest is taken by non-members in the proceedings of this society and they often visit it and are benefited by the discussions which they hear.

**CICERONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.**

(Florence Hartley.)

The last month of this term is starting out as successfully as the other months, if not surpassing them.

We have an enrollment of forty-seven all of whom seem to be working with one aim in view: to make this the most successful year in the history of our society. We have good attendance and good order and great interest is manifested in the programs.

Our president is working hard for the society and has done much to make it interesting.

On account of the Thanksgiving holidays we did not have a meeting on Friday, November twenty-eighth.

**ENGLISH CLUB NOTES.**

(Marion Billmyer.)

The regular meeting of the English Club for the month of November was held November 24, 1913. The rooms were decorated with pumpkins and the Club colors. The following literary program on Thanksgiving was rendered:

The President's Proclamation, Franklin Clapham.

The First Thanksgiving, G. P. Thompson.

The Governor's Proclamation, Bessie Williamson.

The Landing of the Pilgrims, Clarence Rohy.

History of Thanksgiving, Marion Billmyer.

Song, The Club.

Corn Song, Nina Pownell.

Thanksgiving on the Farm, Dorothy Ware.

Song, The Club.

When the Frost Is on the Pumpkin, Florence Hartley.

Club Song.

After the literary program the entertainment features were begun which proved very interesting and afforded much pleasure.

At a special meeting of the Club the following officers were elected for the Winter Term:

Head, Garnett O. Nelson.

Scribe, Marion L. Billmyer.

Vice-Counsel, E. W. Dolly.

Seekers, Franklin Clapham, Nina Pownell.

Watch, Harry W. Rollings.

Reporter, Dorothy Ware.



WILLARD CLUB NOTES.

(Ruth Hickel.)

Regular meetings are being held by the Willard Club and much interest is being taken in them. Public meetings are given the second Friday in each month, and the Club has been pleased to see so many visitors attend these meetings. The following program was rendered at the last public meeting:

Oral Story, Agnes Bell.

Review of Magazine Article, Marguerite Billmyer.

Debate, to affirm, Ruth Hickel; to deny, Nina Pownell.

Question—Resolved, That woman is one of the chief causes for the high cost of living.

Many new members have joined the Club this term and the following officers for the next term were elected at the last regular meeting:

President, Marguerite Billmyer.

Vice-President, Florence Hartley.
Secretary, Bessie Williamson.
Treasurer, Hilda Doggett.
Reporter, Ruth Hickel.
Critic, Nina Pownell.
Sergeant, Gertrude Clary.



L'EXTEMPO NOTES.

(G. O. Nelson.)

At the first meeting of the L'extempo for the month of November the following officers were elected:

President, Leslie Slonaker.
Vice-President, Clarence Roby.
Secretary, C. O. Hiser.
Treasurer, H. W. Rollings.
Critic, H. A. Rice.
Reporter, G. O. Nelson.
Sergeant, Harry Fuss.

With this corps of officers at the helm our society has taken renewed interest in its work. Our standard of debating though formerly good has been raised to a higher plane of efficiency. Questions which are confronting the American people today have been ably discussed showing that our members are availing themselves of the opportunity offered to them to become informed and trained so that they may be able to cope with the problems of the times when they go out from this institution of learning.

Since the election of these officers the following persons have permitted their names to be added to our roll of members: Lester Ours, Charles L. Hutton, Paul Miller, David Jones, Carl Sirbaugh, James Shanholtzer and Hubert Lowery. We extend a cordial welcome to these new members and to all boys of the school, who wish to join a society of this type for the purpose of self-improvement.



ATHLETIC NOTES.

(E. G. Lewis.)

For several months the gymnasium has been resounding

with the joyful shouts of the students who play basketball.

We miss some of our first-team men who graduated last year, but Captain Staley is putting some of the more competent players through some vigorous practice which will no doubt produce a fast team and one not to be overlooked. This team will be chosen from the following players: Sloanaker, Mish, Banks, Staley, Flagg, Rice, Webley, Paul Miller and Joe Miller.

The Girls' Basketball Team will soon be chosen and by their playing will show rival teams what material they have and how to shoot goals and how to guard.

Many games are scheduled for the coming season and one may be sure that our teams mean business when they go upon the floor and shall be able to give a good account of themselves at the end of the coming season.



CADET NOTES.

(R. S. VanMeter.)

At present the Cadet Corps has twenty-three enrolled. It is not so large as last fall term due to the fact that a great number of our boys graduated in June last. It is progressing as well as could be expected. Military drill is new to many of the members and is slow work at present, but practice makes perfect.

There are many regrets that our former Captain, W. B. Hutton, has left us, but we are hoping that our loss will be his gain.

On November 25, Professor Muldoon gave the boys a very instructive as well as interesting talk, telling of the Corps when first organized, what it means to the school, and the benefit one derives in after years from military training.



SENIOR CLASS NOTES.

(Hilda Doggett.)

The holidays are coming, and the student body is glad of it for those days mean rest. No class of students can take a backward glance and feel better satisfied than the Senior class with what has been accomplished by it during

this term. With our motto, "Fideli certi merces," (the faithful are certain of their reward), ever in mind we have tried to make the greatest possible progress in our work. Each Monday immediately after chapel services our class assembles in the Study Hall, as the Senior class of previous years has done, and renders a well prepared literary program consisting of declamations, select readings, oral stories, essays, orations, debates, current events, etc.

Professor Miller by his severe criticisms, stimulating questions and helpful suggestions has created in every senior a desire to become better informed concerning present-day affairs of the world. So we are reading.



JUNIOR CLASS NOTES.

(Marion L. Billmyer.)

At last the Junior yell has been adopted. Here it is:

Shool-shool-shool-i-rool
Ice on your pulse! Just keep cool,
Jap-a-lac, jap-a-lac, japalac-a-lee
We are the Juniors of old S. C.
Shag-a-rac, shag-a-rac, sis, boom, ah!
Yellow and black, ha! ha! ha!
We are the class busy as a bee,
With a K-e-n-a-m-o-n-d,
Plucky little band, beat it if you can,
Juniors, Juniors, Juniors.

This is a good example of what good things come to those who wait and also persevere.

The first part of this month the Juniors were quite enthusiastic about their class pins. They came at last and everyone seemed satisfied because the pins really deserved admiration.



SOPHOMORE NOTES.

(Arthur Edward Ruark)

The Sophomore class this year is making unprecedented

progress. Think of it! The Sophomores are now editing a publication all their own—The Sophomore Weekly. We feel that we are adding much to the dignity of Shepherd College by this undertaking and we are striving to make our paper a worthy rival of The Junior Daily. What we lack in quantity we hope to make up in quality. We invite inspection of our effort.

Furthermore, the rhetorical exercises of the Sophomore Class this year are highly commendable. Productions showing research and study, as well as care in preparation, have been rendered from time to time. Look out for the Sophs! They are the coming class.



FRESHMAN NOTES.

(Hattie Johnson.)

On account of the large number of students in the Freshman class it was necessary to divide the class into three sections under Mrs. Miller, Miss Smith and Mr. Muldoon. A reporter was elected from each section to record the proceedings of the rhetorical exercises. The reporter from Mrs. Miller's section is Augusta Morgan, from Miss Smith's section Daphne Womack and from Mr. Muldoon's section Agnes Bell.

Our class has chosen as its name "The Smith-Muldoon Class," as its flower, the lily-of-the-valley, and as its colors white and gold.

Just at present we are greatly interested in a spelling match between Miss Smith's and Mr. Muldoon's sections which will be held on December 15. We are also trying to pass our final examinations with high grades so that we may do credit to the best class in Shepherd College—the Freshman!



LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

The first intercollegiate basketball game for S. C. this season will be played on the home floor, Friday, December 12.

Mr. Losch, representative of the D. C. Heath Publishing Co., visited Shepherdstown, December 8, in the interest of his company.

Mr. Muldoon (In Zoology)—“If you students should like to learn how to sing, watch my mouth when I sing in chapel.”

Several members of the faculty and many of the students spent the Thanksgiving holidays at their respective homes.

Mrs. Gardiner (In Mythology)—“Miss H., how did the Greeks get the wooden horse into Troy?”

Miss H: “The ylifted it over the walls.”

It 'pears to me that Rice thinks too much about “blue feathers and spectacles.”

Bring, brang, brung are the principal parts of the verb to bring. So says Roby.

Mr. Guy P. Thompson visited recently in Hampshire county.

Dolly says ground hog's allright if it is cooked upright.

Hilda D.—“The first time my English teacher crossed the ocean, she went to Germany, but the next time she went to Europe.”

It is said that Mary Koontz has a bad case of “table consumption.”

H. A. Rice spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Turkey Hollow.

Miss Ella May Turner spent a portion of the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of Miss Louise J. Smith in Washington.

Joe Miller has decided that he would like to have a holiday (Hollida) all the year round.

Mr. Hiser (In Chemistry)—“Mr. Kenamond, what kind of acid is there in a persimmon?”

Mr. K.—“I haven't been informed but I think it must be alum, especially, if it is a green one.”

Student (giving a sentence in English)—“Which is the greater evil, a scolding wife or a smoking chimney?”

Mrs. Miller.—“How about a smoking husband?”

Prof. Miller.—“Miss Osbourn, what have you read?”

Miss O.—“I read an article about harnessing the Tennessee River.”

Prof. M.—“How? Are they putting leather straps on it?”

Every night when Hilda Doggett studies, she puts a hair-pin over her nose to make it sharper.

Why do Frances D. and Lillian Van M. think so much of the length (Long) of any proposition?

On November 26, Rev. Gates, of Hedgesville, visited his daughter, Miss Nettie, who is a member of the Senior class.

Senior.—“What time is it?”

Junior.—“It is after ten. Isn't it late?”

S.—“Yes, but I can't stop the time.”

J.—“I know, but you will have to be going soon to keep up to it.”

Mr. Miller (giving reason for war in Europe)—“The Emperor of Germany wants a slice of Turkey.”

Mr. T.—“I went home to get reimbursed.”

Nell S.—“To get what burst?”

Professor and Mrs. Miller spent Thanksgiving Day in Paw Paw at the formal opening of the high school building. Mr. Miller speaks in highest terms of the new building with its modern equipments and the prospects for a great awakening in that vicinity.

It Stuart VanMetre has a bump (Knot) on a log, why can't Miller Moler have a Cook?

Mr. Miller wants to know what relation John Quincy Adams was to his father.

A bright Senior after eating an apple exclaimed, “Oh! girls, I just had the best Paradise Lost apple.”

On Saturday night, December 6, a number of the college girls accompanied by Miss Ireland of the faculty, went to Morgan's Grove where they had an apple roast. Seated around a roaring fire, they related many thrilling ghost stories. Even after this experience they reached home safely although it was necessary to pass the cemetery.

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